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THE

JONES

FAMILY

"The gay will laugh when thou art gone,

The solemn brood of care plod on,

And each one as before will chase

His favorite phantom".

-----William Cullen Bryant-----

*This history was written by John Morgan Jones  
in 1956*



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## THE JONES FAMILY

I'm to write the story of the Joneses. I get out the family tree, a beautiful work of art in blue print with tracings back to Revolutionary times. All of the branches have names and dates but that is not enough. My children ask, "Who were these people?", "What kind of folks were they?", "Where did they live?" and "With what accomplishments did they bless the earth?". Strange to say the human race seems to keep better records of their pedigreed cows than of their own ancestors. We mix races rather indiscriminately - boy falls in love with a dimple, a smile or some other physical or mental loveliness and romance carries on. So let's shake the family tree and catch whatever drops - let's go back and dig. I am indebted to Uncle George Wolfe Jones who went on his visits making notes in the little red book he carried; to F. U. Jones who fell heir to this book; to the Spaulding girls who delved into the public archives; to Herbert Jones and others who gave their support. With this help, I hope we'll have some authentic facts from which to answer some of these questions. My opinion is, that the history of these families - my ancestors - will reveal no great deeds of valor - no special marks of outstanding leadership - no record of excellence in athletics and so far as I know, no weakness in moral fiber, however, it would be a rare field that had no thistles. As I

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scan the records that are available, I must present these ancestors to you as a hardy, God-fearing line of men and women who believed in and lived by the Golden Rule and the Christian faith. They were for the most part, pioneers in clearing the forest and tilling the soil in what was once a wooded country where they finally settled in and around Hardin County, Ohio. We can trace them from Wales, Great Britain before the Revolutionary War, over to the eastern seaboard of America - to New Jersey - to Pennsylvania - to Knox county and finally to Hardin county in Ohio, where they hewed the timber, built log houses and raised large families.

My Grandfather moved his family to Hardin county in 1854. Two sons, Abner and Christopher<sup>Jones</sup> came earlier. Christopher first acquired 160 acres of timber land in 1849. The legal description of this tract is SE $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 25 Washington twp. Abner bought 80 acres described as SE $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 3, Washington twp. Christopher's title was conveyed by J. Jones and C. Wolfe and Abner's by J. Jones, so we must conclude that Grandfather first took title and then conveyed title to each of the sons in order to give them a start. Then in 1854 Grandfather came with his family and the next year bought timber land in Section 23 in Washington twp. He eventually owned 200 acres. Whether or not he got it all in 1855 when the transfer was made, is not clear. Adam Orth conveyed a part or all of it to Grandfather. Blanchard twp. joined Washington twp. to the east and Dunkirk was the nearest trading place. Roughly speaking, Dunkirk was about three





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miles from where Grandfather lived. In 1952 Dunkirk celebrated it's centennial anniversary and some interesting history was published at that time. Some of this history was no doubt legendary but most of it authentic. There are records to show that there were some settlers around this area as early as 1831 and that the first white child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, in the territory later called Blanchard twp. That was in 1834. At that time it is said that there were but three women in all of the three contiguous townships - Jackson, Blanchard and Washington. The entire territory of Hardin county was heavily wooded except in the immediate vicinity of Kenton and the Hog Creek marsh which was a swamp with a heavy growth of marsh grass and cat tails. The timber in this part of Ohio is all hardwood - oak, hickory, elm, walnut, beech and others of the smaller variety such as ironwood, linden and basswood.

Howe's History of Ohio gives the population of Hardin county, 1840, as 4,509 inhabitants. In the same year, Kenton the county seat had 300 inhabitants (Pages 877-878). It is said there were 9 people to the section in Hardin county so the Joneses weren't entirely in a primitive forest. There were other people there with saw mills, horses and oxen clearing the few acres at a time, building log houses, splitting rails and making lumber.

I want it definitely understood that in telling this story, I'm drawing largely from what I've heard from my parents, what I've seen reflected from these former years and what I've read and so much was





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learned from family discussions - those exciting stories handed down made lasting impressions.

I am one of five of my generation now living and we represent five families. When I say my generation, I mean first cousins. There is one each, representing the five families of my uncles and aunt, so we can only exchange helps found in old letters, old histories, county legal records and the like. We all have rich memories of stories handed down to us and I want to picture their lives as nearly correct as my memory will permit.

Fences were of rails of course. In Howe's History of Ohio, he tells of a man coming to Ohio, splitting rails and getting paid twenty five cents a hundred rails. That doesn't sound unreasonable - men were used to splitting rails - rail timber was plentiful and twenty five cents would buy more than now. That man piled up 1200 rails to get three dollars to buy - what do you think? - a marriage license.

I seem to remember that my Father said they moved from Knox county in wagons - how else could they come? There was only one RR through Hardin county - that was called the Mad River RR - afterward, in my time it was known as the I.B.& W. and Uncle Will Fleming said those letters stood for "I Better Walk".

The Pennsylvania RR was built through Hardin county in 1858, and before the Pennsylvania road came through there was a small settlement at the corner of what is now Main street of Dunkirk and the Patterson Pike and it was called Geneva. I get that from the history of Dunkirk





published at the time of the centennial (1952). When the Pennsylvania came through, the town was moved north to the railroad and named Dunkirk.

Grandfather was 54 years old when he came and the older boys in their twenties and they went to clearing and building.

Uncle Christopher cleared a few acres on his 160 and built a log house on the farm now owned by Herbert Jones. This farm is known as "The Old Homestead Farm". I saw the spot this summer where the log house stood and there is one tree standing that he left for a landmark. It stands about thirty rods southwest of the large frame house that Christopher built later. It was the practice in many instances to take off the better timber for saw logs and for rail splitting, then girdle the remaining trees so they would die. This became what they called a "deadening". Later this tract would be fenced with the split rails and the remaining trees cleared after which they would have a "log rolling". Neighbors would come in and help to roll the logs in a heap to burn. After the new field was cleared of logs and brush it became a field of stumps and they called that "newground". The first breaking or scratching of the soil amongst the roots and stumps couldn't be much more than a scratching. Sometimes with one horse and a "double shovel plow" it was seeded. The soil was black with leaf mold and produced good corn amongst the stumps. If wheat were planted it had to be harvested with cradles. A cradle is a scythe with a parallel row of wooden fingers the length of the blade so that the man opera-





ting the cradle can lay the grain in a swath. Later a man would rake the swath in bundles and tie it into sheaves.

In time the roots would die and preparing the ground would be less difficult. Oxen were used extensively in clearings. They were better in brush and amongst logs than horses. An ox team will shut their eyes and wade through brush and over logs where horses being more sensitive will refuse to go. Team is not the proper word since a pair of oxen is referred to as a "yoke of oxen".

Some men made a business of log hauling. The timber was heavy and a log three to four feet in diameter was common. A log wagon was usually a heavy wagon with heavy bolsters over each axle, built up as high or possibly a bit higher than the standards. This made a level base on which to load the log. Loading a log is a simple matter and many times as a boy I've loaded a heavy log myself with the use of a team. The wagon is placed parallel with the log, say about ten feet distant. The horses are taken around and backed up to the wagon on the opposite side from the log. Skids are placed with one end at the log and the other end on top of the side rail and spaced about eight feet or more apart. A chain is attached to the side rail near one end of the skid and circled out as far as the log and back where it is fastened to the side rail near the other skid. Another log chain is passed from the horses over the wagon and on over the log and under when it is hooked to the chain attached to the side rails. As





the team starts walking slowly away from the wagon, the log rolls up the skids and on top of the wagon. Poles have been placed inside the rails on the side next to the horses to keep the log from falling off. These poles are anchored to the gears so as to withstand the roll of the log if it happens to roll too far. After the log is resting on top of the wagon, chains are put over and around it and fastened with a hickory boom pole somewhat like tightening a tourniquet. It is as simple as that. The log hauler knew how to make the hitch so as to make the log shift as it rolled. That is, how to make it shift forward or backward as desired.

In later years after the fields had been farmed long enough for the stumps to disappear and after the cradle gave way to the reaper, a mowing machine came into use to cut the hay and this machine had a platform attachment to bolt onto the mower for harvesting the wheat and oats. It had rakes that revolved round and round and could be set so that say, every fifth rake would shove off enough to make a bundle. Men followed the machine and bound the sheaves by hand. I well remember how, in my time three or four men would be stationed around the field and one man following the machine, would bind up to a certain station at about the time the machine came around and overtook him and then the man at that station would take over and follow the machine till he was overtaken. This was long before the self binder came into use.



The social life in those earlier days were yet well remembered when I was a child. Conveyance was by horseback, wagon or spring wagon. Saddles and side saddles were among our family possessions when I was small. Ladies would never have ridden a man's saddle. They rode side saddle like we've seen in later years in circus parades. Singing schools were held at night where girl met boy - husking bees in the fall and the boy who found a red ear got to kiss somebody - I don't know who. Spelling schools if held in the early fall when the weather was nice - they'd spell a while then go out and play 'London Bridge' or 'Over the River to Charley' or 'Drop the Handkerchief'. Somebody always got kissed - I think. Then after about an hour they would go in and 'Spelldown'. The women had 'quilting bees' and they had much fun - so they told us. They had never seen a telephone or an electric light, an automobile, a radio or television and from our present day thinking, they had never seen anything but at those social doings boy met girl and girl met boy and that was life.

Nearly every family had rifles for shooting game. In the log houses with the huge fireplace, they had andirons and hooks to hang pots on. Above was a wide mantel where "Whatnot" articles were displayed. The rifle hung on pegs on the side of the wall and the powder horn hung with it. The powder horn was the horn of a cow tightly plugged at the big end and the point from which the powder was poured





was plugged with a cork. In loading this long barreled rifle, a man would stand it with the butt on the ground, pour into the end of the barrel a charge of powder, follow it with a bit of wadding, then pull out the ramrod from its place under the barrel and ram the charge down, then follow it with a bullet and another wadding and ram that down hard, put the ramrod back in place, place a cap over the primer and he was ready to shoot. There was plenty of game and I've heard my Father tell about shooting wild turkeys which were numerous.

About the time that Grandfather brought his family from Knox county, the Gillen family came from New Jersey and located about two miles west of Dunkirk close to the line where the Pennsylvania Railroad was built in 1858. Soon after they were settled, the father had to return to New Jersey to make collections due him as a stone mason contractor. It was believed he was robbed and killed for they never heard of him except word that he had visited relatives. He was said to have been a man who was very devoted to his family and there was never any doubt of anything but foul play. He was my Grandfather Gillen. His daughter, Marinda Gillen, was my mother. I think my father met her at a 'singing school' when she was seventeen years old. They were married July 1, 1855. My Father was twenty three. There were four boys and two girls in the Gillen family. As I knew them they were a happy, jovial family and of the kindest dispositions. Three of the boys served in the army as volunteers and many times





I've visited them in their log houses and heard them tell of army life. They could always see the funny side of things and how they could laugh. My Mother was a most lovable character. She could always see the good in other people and was entirely selfless in her contact with others. Her prayers seemed to be the sincerest I've ever heard. Oftentimes at the family worship she would take her turn, read the scriptures and offer the prayer. Everybody loved her that knew her.

All of the Gillen boys acquired little farms, raised nice families but never acquired more than their forty acres, except the oldest who was a contractor in Springfield, Ohio and who was quite well-to-do. I have a pocket rule inlaid with ivory given to my father by one of the Gillen uncles over a hundred years ago. My father carried it from my earliest recollection until he died when it was given to me. I will pass it on to one of my grandsons.





Our lineage as far back as we can trace it, sprouts from the union of Andrew Jones and Margaret Wolfe Jones - Andrew born in Wales in 1764 and Margaret born in New Jersey in 1765. They were married in Morris county, New Jersey in 1793. Margaret Wolfe is said to have been a near relative of General James Wolfe, an English general killed at the Battle of Quebec in 1759. The name Wolfe appears frequently as a middle name of some of the descendants of Margaret Wolfe.

#### ANDREW JONES

Born in Wales, Great Britain, October 4, 1764, emigrated to America and some time later (1793) married Margaret Wolfe who was born in New Jersey, Morris county <sup>near 23</sup> in 1765. They had five children. From the archives in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, we find Andrew and Margaret selling four hundred acres of land in Providence twp., Bedford county, Pennsylvania, four years after they were married. We think their first child, Catherine, was born in New Jersey before they went to Pennsylvania, but we do not know. Did they move to Pennsylvania and locate on the four hundred acres before she was born? They sold the land as we shall see later and it appears that they moved back to New Jersey since the records show that the two youngest children, John and Peter were born in New Jersey. The record of their movements is not clear but upon examination of dates of certain events we form a pretty accurate conclusion so we believe.



In Vol. XXII - page 173 Tax Book - Records of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, we find that Andrew was taxed in Providence twp. on 100 acres, 2 horses, 2 cows, the sum of One pound - 2 shillings - 10 pence. This was in 1783 (ten years before they were married). Vol. XXV, page 551, shows Andrew getting a deed for four hundred acres of land - date of survey, June 22, 1792, (one year before they were married). Next the Deed Book G, pages 540-541, land records of the Bedford county court house show that he sold four hundred acres, including all improvements, rights, title, etc., for five shillings (specia) to George F. Alberti. This transaction occurred on the 28th of November, 1796, and was notarized in the presence of one Benj. Ferguson. The deed was recorded on the 21st day of April, 1797. Note the second child, George was born 26 days prior to the sale to Mr. Alberti, so if Andrew and Margaret were living on the acres at the time of the sale we must conclude that George was born there.

It is doubtful that Andrew had a war record as he was only seventeen years old when Cornwallis surrendered in 1781. VOL IV, page 242, Military Archives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, shows Andrew's name in a published list of Providence twp. inhabitants, "Subject by Law to Military Duty". This list was made by one, Peter Morgart in January, 1789.





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It is clear that Andrew was in Pennsylvania at an early age since the tax records show that he was taxed on land, horses and cows when he was 19 years of age, ten years before his marriage. He was only 17 when Cornwallis surrendered in 1781. He might have been in the army at that age. I leave that to others.

MARGARET WOLFE JONES, *died Jan. 24-1855 in Hardin Co. Ohio*

Wife of Andrew, born in New Jersey, December 23, 1765 - married Andrew 1793 - mother of five children - 2 girls - 3 boys. Catherine, George, Mary, John and Peter.

#### CODE

In the following pages it is necessary to use these code figures.

1-is head of the family line - all of the above five will be No. 1.

2-3-4-5-6 are the generations following.

Thus 2 is the offspring of 1.

3 is the offspring of 2.

4 is the offspring of 3, etc.





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- 1 - CATHERINE JONES (Drake) and her descendants.  
  
b 7-20-1794 -- d 10-4-1851 -- daughter of Andrew and Margaret --  
m DAVID HAYES DRAKE -- nine children -- Andrew, Lydia, George,  
Paul, Margaret, Isaac, Mary Ann, Moses M and David.
- 2 - ANDREW JONES DRAKE, b 12-10-1817 -- no further record.
- 2 - LYDIA HAYES DRAKE, b 5-5-1819 -- no further record.
- 2 - GEORGE WOLFE DRAKE, b 9-21-1820 -- m LAURA A. EASTMAN and to  
them were born - George, Mary, Charles and Fred.
- 3 - GEORGE OLIVER DRAKE, b 9-12-1849.
- 3 - MARY LOUISA DRAKE, b 1-1-1854.
- 3 - CHARLES DELOS DRAKE, b 1-11-1857.
- 3 - FRED LINCOLN DRAKE, b 8-11-1862.
  
- 2 - PAUL HAYES DRAKE, fourth child of Catherine and David.  
b 9-16-1822 -- d 1-1890 -- m JANE CATHERINE COE -- five children  
-- David, Jessie, Florence, Samuel and Margaret.
- 3 - DAVID HAYES DRAKE, son of Paul and Catherine - b 1-11-1850.
- 3 - JESSIE LESTOR DRAKE, b 10-8-1855.
- 3 - FLORENCE BELL DRAKE, b 9-5-1861.
- 3 - SAMUEL PAUL DRAKE, b 9-29-1863.
- 3 - MARGARET EMMA DRAKE, b 8-8-1865.
  
- 2 - MARGARET MORIAH DRAKE, fifth child of Catherine and David --  
b 11-11-1824 -- d 9-23-1875.
- 2 - ISAAC LYON DRAKE, b 10-3-1826.



- 2 - MARY ANN DRAKE, seventh child of Catherine and David,  
b 9-12-1828, no further record.
- 2 - MOSES M. DRAKE, b 5-10-1831 -- d October 1832.
- 2 - DAVID OAKES DRAKE, youngest son of Catherine and David --  
b 11-27-1832 -- d 3-4-1836.
- 1 - GEORGE WOLFE JONES, no record of descendents - son of Andrew  
and Margaret - b 11-2-1796 -- d 3-10-1827.  
(This identical name will appear in a later generation)
- 1 - MARY JONES, no record of her descendents - daughter of Andrew  
and Margaret -- b 9-15-1798 -- d 9-8-1803.
- 1 - JOHN JONES (My Grandfather), b 1800 -- d 8-10-1866.
- 1 - PETER JONES, youngest son of Andrew and Margaret, b 5-10-1803 --  
*married May 19-1825 to Mary Martha Clutter*  
d 11-11-1887 -- no record of his descendents.

We will then follow the descendents of John Jones.

JOHN JONES Family  
and descendants

- 1 - JOHN JONES, fourth child of Andrew and Margaret Jones --  
b in New Jersey 11-21-1800, d in Hardin county, Ohio 8-10-1866.  
m SARAH BRADBURY in Pennsylvania in 1822. He and his new bride  
*daughter of Abner & Sophia (Tuttle) Bradbury.*  
settled in Knox county, Ohio, the same year. Their nine child-  
ren were all born in Knox county. In the order of their ages,  
they were: Abner, Andrew, Christopher, Mary, John (Morgan),  
George, Charles, Margaret and Sarah. Sarah died in infancy.  
Abner, Christopher, George and Charles all served in the Union  
army during the Civil War - more of their records later.  
*Abner Bradbury was the son of Thomas Bradbury of N.J.  
Sophia Tuttle was the daughter of Isaac Tuttle of N.J.*





### "GRANDPAPPY"

I never saw my Grandfather John Jones, he having died eight years before I was born. In speaking of him, my Father and Mother always called him 'Grandpappy'. I seem to remember hearing them speak of him often and always with great affection. I have seen pictures of both grandparents. The pictures were set in old fashioned oval frames and hung side by side on the wall in our home. Grandpappy's showed a serene and happy face but Grandmother's likeness, I've come to believe, reflected a stern and perhaps a ruling character. Drawing my own conclusions, I am persuaded that her stern qualities were reflected in all of her sons of whom my Father was one. I've always thought that they were reared by precept and example - the mother administering the precept and the father setting the example. I, of course, gathered this more or less instinctively and hearing things. The boys all grew up to be good men with positive ideas - not a weakling amongst them. They had their share of vicissitudes in the past and they had no fear of the future. At their country's call, four of them volunteered and served with distinction. These sons of Grandpappy impressed us boys with the fact that being honest and morally decent was the natural way of life and that society and the Jones papas expected nothing less.

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Let's stop a minute and look at the Jones in 1832 - that's about the half way mark for John and Sarah. They were then in Knox county near Mt. Vernon. Andrew and Margaret were there (they of the Revolutionary War period) Andrew was 68 and he died. Margaret was 67.





Their son John (who was my Grandfather) and his wife Sarah were there in the prime of life, he 32 and she 34. Their four children, Abner 10, Andrew 7, Christopher 5 and Mary 3 and in that same year about five months after his Grandfather died, my Father was born. There we have them with a growing young family looking forward to the unknown future with faith, hope and ambition - before they left Knox county all of their nine children had been born. From here we'll follow them, their children and children's children.

ABNER JONES FAMILY  
AND DESCENDANTS

2 - ABNER BRADBURY JONES, eldest son of John and Sarah Jones --

b 12-29-1822 -- d 11-6-1864 -- m ELIZABETH SPACHT who was

b 2-21-1831 -- d 6-7-1862. Abner later married Elizabeth's sister a widow with children. This marriage was not too successful and he enlisted in the army in 1864. He was in Co. G, 34th O.V.I., he was captured at the Battle of Winchester and confined in a rebel prison at Danbury, Virginia, where he was starved to death - exchanged and died three weeks later in a military hospital in Annapolis, Md. His brother Andrew went to Annapolis to bring him home and found him so emaciated that at first he didn't recognize him. Two boys and three girls were born to Abner and Elizabeth -- Charles, John, Alice, Emma and Elizabeth.

3 - CHARLES MILTON JONES, oldest son of Abner and Elizabeth - b 1850  
d 1942 at the age of 92 -- m SARAH WOOD 1872.

Charles was one of Dunkirk's leading citizens for many years - operated a grain elevator and other commercial activities - director of the bank - member Masonic order - successful in business and owned considerable property. Six children were born to them.



*died Aug 17-1976 - age 103.*

- 4 - KATE JONES, b 1-9-1873 -- unmarried -- lives in the old home on Walnut Street in Dunkirk, Ohio. *died Aug 17-1976*
- 4 - ABNER BRADBURY JONES II, b 8-10-1879, -- d young.
- 4 - FRANK JONES, b 9-19-1881 -- d in infancy.
- 4 - VERTIE DAWN JONES (Sutton), b 10-27-1882 - m ERNEST SUTTON a post office Inspector. 'Dawn' as we always called her is now a widow (1956) living at 2456 Twentieth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Dawn has a married daughter.
- 5 - SARAH JANE SUTTON (Gregg) - daughter of Dawn and Ernest, graduate of George Washington University. Sarah Jane married Stephen Gregg a graduate of Lehigh University - they have no children.
- 4 - OMAH JONES, fifth child of Charles and Sarah - b 6-6-1888 -- d 12-20-1940 -- unmarried.
- 4 - CHARLES MILTON JONES II, b 7-11-1898 -- lives in Dunkirk, Ohio, where he operates an electric appliance store - he is an active citizen, president of Lion's club and is a Mason. He is a widower and lives with his sister Kate in the old home in Dunkirk.

*'Married Ouida R. Gratz Oct 23-1958'*





- 3 - JOHN HANCOCK JONES, second son of Abner and Elizabeth --  
b 9-2-1852 -- d 11-20-1882 -- m MINERVA REED -- two children --  
both boys -- Leon Montrue and LeBeff.
- 4 - LEON MONTRUE JONES, b 4-25-1875 -- d 1918 -- m SADIE KOONTZ  
Three children born to 'True' and Sadie.
- 5 - VIVIAN JONES, b 4-25-1897.
- 5 - ARDINELL JONES, b 12-12-1899
- 5 - MARGARET CLAIR JONES, b 12-9-1903 -- d 2-18-1911.
- 4 - ALTON LEBEFF JONES, second son of John and Minerva --  
b 6-29-1877 -- d 8-20-1885.
- 3 - ALICE ANN JONES, third child of Abner and Elizabeth --  
b 9-9-1854 -- d 11-29-1857.
- 3 - EMMA OLIVIA JONES, b 3-2-1857 -- d 7-5-1875.
- 3 - ELIZABETH IDA JONES, youngest of the family of Abner and Elizabeth,  
b 2-12-1861 -- d 1-20-1882.

ANDREW JONES FAMILY  
and descendants.

- 2 - ANDREW DRAKE JONES, second son of John and Sarah - b 5-22-1825 --  
d 4-9-1896 -- m JANE E MOSES in 1850. In his early life, taught  
school in Knox, Richland and Hardin counties - was robust and of  
great physical strength. I worked on his farm two summers after  
he moved to town. I remember him best as he came jogging down  
the road driving old 'Pet' hitched to a canopy top buggy. He sat





in the middle of the seat, shirt sleeves, old straw hat, white whiskers, a retired well-to-do farmer out to look over the farm and gather some fruit and vegetables to take home. At his death he was buried in a little cemetery near his farm. JANE MOSES JONES his wife was b 1-5-1827 -- d 1913. Aunt Jane was a lovely woman and always enjoyed her clay pipe after meals. Jane and Andrew had three children -- John, Sarah and Moses.

- 3 - JOHN ASA JONES, eldest son of Andrew and Jane, b 3-28-1852 -- d in Arkansas 1894 -- m LULU PEELER, 10-22-1874 -- and they had three children, Bessie, Etta and David.
- 4 - BESSIE JONES (Harmon), b 3-3-1877 -- now living in Mercedes, Texas.
- 4 - ETTA JONES (Johnson), b 10-23-1878 -- m JAMES ZEHNER and after his death she married WILLIAM JOHNSON -- they live in Phoenix, Arizona. They have two sons - one from first and one from second husband.
- 5 - JAMES ZEHNER, JR., son of James Zehner and Etta - first marriage.
- 5 - WILLIAM JOHNSON, JR., son of Wm. Johnson and Etta her second marriage.
- 4 - DAVID LOWELL JONES, son of Lulu and John, b 2-22-1881 -- m  *died May 1978*  
 *died 1964*  
MYRTLE SUTTON -- they live near Upper Sandusky -- farmer.
- 3 - SARAH J. JONES (Spaulding) daughter of Andrew and Jane.  
b 4-19-1854 -- d 12-9-1925 -- m NATHAN SPAULDING 1875. Four children who all except Clay became school teachers -- Daisy, Elizabeth, Myrtle and Clay.



*born 1877 (21)*  
*died 10-7-1965*

- 4 - DAISY SPAULDING, eldest daughter of Sarah and Nathan. Attended Ohio Normal University - taught in Oregon and later spent three years as dietitian in Chicago Infant Welfare Society - lives with her sister, Myrtle, in New Haven, Indiana.
- 4 - ELIZABETH LOUISA SPAULDING (Hormell), b 11-10-1880 -- m OREN C. HORMELL, a graduate of Indiana University and Harvard - both teachers in Bedowin College - two children - Mary and Robert.
- 5 - MARY HORMELL (Cunningham), b 12-30-1906 -- m ROSS CUNNINGHAM, a teacher in Mass. Inst. of Technology - two children - Marcia and Scott.
- 6 - MARCIA CUNNINGHAM, now in college (1956).
- 6 - SCOTT CUNNINGHAM, son of Mary and Ross - in U.S. Army (1956).
- 5 - ROBERT HORMELL, son of Elizabeth and Oren, b 3-10-1914 -- physician - Orthopedist - Boston, Mass. - m KATHLYN MCMANNUS. One daughter, Jane Elizabeth Hormell.
- 6 - JANE ELIZABETH HORMELL - daughter of Robert and Kathlyn and granddaughter of Elizabeth and Oren.
- 4 - MYRTLE SPAULDING (Thomas), b 8-2-1882 *died 2-10-64* -- m EVAN THOMAS who died in 1909 - Myrtle was a public school teacher prior to her marriage - a widow since her husband died in 1942 - lives with her sister, Daisy, in New Haven, Indiana.
- 4 - CLAY SPAULDING, son of Sarah and Nathan, b 10-2-1886 -- d 1-29-1955 m GOLDA HECKLER - seven children as follows:
- 5 - ELIZABETH SPAULDING (Mrs. Robert Houser)
- 5 - MARGURITE SPAULDING, (Mrs. Arthur Bowers)





- 5 - LUCILE SPAULDING (Mrs. V. M. Woods).
- 5 - DOROTHY SPAULDING (Mrs. Don Adams).
- 5 - PAULINE SPAULDING (Mrs. Jacob Smits).
- 5 - VIRGINIA SPAULDING (Mrs. Irwin German).
- 5 - FLOYD SPAULDING, son of Clay and Golda
- 3 - MOSES M. JONES, son of Andrew and Jane and brother of Sarah  
Sarah Jones Spaulding - died in infancy.

-End of Andrew Jones line-

CHRISTOPHER JONES FAMILY  
AND DESCENDANTS

- 2 - CHRISTOPHER TUTTLE JONES, third son of John and Sarah, b 7-27-1827  
-- d 12-11-1911 at the age of 84 -- m CAROLINE BOSSERMAN in 1850  
who died at birth of a son, Samuel - the child also died at birth.  
Prior to their marriage, Christopher had cleared a few acres of  
his woodland farm and built a log house. He left one tree standing  
near the house and this tree stands there yet after more than a  
hundred years (1956). After Caroline's death, Christopher re-  
mained a widower for fifteen years - taught school and followed  
other pursuits until the call for volunteers at the outbreak of  
the Civil War when he enlisted in Co. H, 66th Reg. of Illinois  
Sharpshooters. At the end of his term of enlistment, he re-en-  
listed and was made a sergeant of his company. He served through-  
out the period of the war and was mustered out of service in  
Washington, D.C., in 1865. He took part in many battles and was



with Sherman's March to the Sea. His brass mounted sixteen shooter with name and regiment engraved on the stock is now in possession of his grandson, Burke Jones. After the war ended, Christopher married MARY AMANDA ZIEGLER, 1865. She was a Hardin

county school teacher -- b 5-13-1840 -- d 12-4-1908. She was the mother of five sons. *Mary Amanda Ziegler was the daughter John & Susanah Rebeca (Heival?) + g.g. granddaughter of Maren Russell*  
10-18-04

3 - JOHN OREN JONES, eldest son of Christopher and Amanda -- b 3-22-1867

*Born 4-3-1878 - died 4-24-41*  
-- d 1-9-1943 -- m MARY ELLEN BUESS of Forest, Ohio - six children

-- three boys and three girls.

4 - ARBIE DALE JONES, b 2-18-1906 -- m LOIS ELIZABETH STRICKLER *Strickler* --

b to them one daughter, Dorothy Louise.

5 - DOROTHY LOUISE JONES, b 6-27-1944.

4 - LELAH MARIE JONES, b 12-14-1907 - graduate Marion College - attended Ohio State University - taught H.S. - now home-maker for Glenn and brother Irvin's five children.

4 - GLENN BUESS JONES, b 10-8-1909 - unmarried - graduate Marion College - business course Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio - operates a dairy farm.

4 - BUELAH GRACE JONES, b 12-8-1912 - Marion College - attended Ohio State University - taught H. S. many years.

4 - IRVIN WESLEY JONES, b 10-10-1914 - Marion College - now a factory worker - m GEORGENA MAE RESCH - later divorced and m Mrs. EDITH SKINNER. To Irvin and first wife were born five children - these five children are being raised and educated by Lelah, Glenn and Beulah. *There was another marriage before this one.*

*M. Elise Fields 9-3-77*





Children of Irvin and his first wife:

5 - JANICE JEANETTE JONES, b 6-<sup>14</sup>~~19~~-1941.

5 - NANCY LEE JONES, b 12-3-1942.

5 - RUTH MAE JONES, b 3-4-1944. *married Max 31, 1970*

5 - ROBERT RICHARD JONES, b 6-8-1946. (Bobby) *married Lonja Kay Epling 3-7-68*  
*6 - Christine Leane Jones - B. - 9 - 77*

5 - WILLIAM WESLEY JONES, b 10-22-1947. (Billy) *m. Susan Robinson 1-4-69*  
*6 - Bradley William Jones - B. 7-13-72 - 6 - Eric Scott Jones - 10-15-76*

4 - MABEL JONES (Jordan) b 4-9-1917 - youngest daughter of Mary and

Oren Jones -- m Gaylord Jordan a minister of the gospel. Mabel taught public school prior to her marriage. Three children born to them.

5 - JAMES JORDAN, b 10-30-1946.

5 - JOHN JORDAN, b 7-24-1950.

5 - DOROTHY JORDAN, b 8-24-1955.

3 - FINNY ULYSSES JONES - second son of Christopher and Amanda

b 6-25-1868 -- d 3-15-1953 -- graduate Ohio Normal University, taught public school and later admitted to the Bar - practiced law in Kenton, Ohio, until his retirement - was successful in investments and acquired considerable wealth - MARGARET GERLACH. They had one child - Burke Jones.

4 - EDMUND BURKE JONES, b 8-18-1911, son of Fin and Margaret. m *divorced + m. Agnes*  
 GLADYS BYRD. Burke practiced law in Kenton and took over his Father's farms after Fin's retirement.

3 - STANTON METELLUS JONES - third son of Christopher and Amanda.

b 2-17-1870 -- d 1-21-194<sup>3</sup><sub>2</sub> -- m DAISY CORWIN who was b 3-24-1879.  
*m. 9-24-1957*  
 Stanton attended Ohio Normal University - principal of school Mt.

Victory and later Superintendent Schools Rushsylvania, Ohio.

*Daisy Corwin dau. of William & Anne Eliza (Jasinsky) Corwin  
 J.G.G.G.G.G.G. granddaughter of Mathias Corwin*



All of their children graduated from Rushsylvania High School.

Wendell, Doresa, Kenneth, Claren and Lowell.

- 4 - WENDELL DEWITT JONES - b 8-20-1905 -- m HELENA SCHULS<sup>8. 10-1963</sup> a registered nurse with X-ray training, she was b 7-30-1902. Wendell is engaged in banking and insurance in Jamaica, Iowa. They have two children (adopted) Robert Dee and Doresa Ann.
- 5 - ROBERT DEE JONES, adopted son of Wendell and Helena - b 3-2-1940.
- 5 - DORESA ANN JONES, adopted daughter of Wendell and Helena -- b 11-13-1944. *M. Frank Drexler*
- 4 - DORESA OLIVE JONES (Townesley), daughter of Stanton and Daisy -- b 7-8-1907 -- m GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSLEY 8-31-1932. Doresa graduated BS, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (1929) - now (1956) teacher of Home Economics, Cedarville H.S. George Townesley BS from Cedarville College, 1931. MA from Ohio State 1935. George teacher in Dayton, Ohio. Two children were born to them, Jon Mikal and Alfred Joe.
- 5 - JON MIKAL TOWNSLEY, son of Doresa and Alfred, b 12-28-1937 -- *M. Janis Wilbur*  
*Jon Gregory*  
*Mike Douglas*  
*Junior Christ*
- 5 - ALFRED JOE TOWNSLEY, son of Doresa and Alfred, b 5-31-1942 *M. Molly Cavanaugh*  
*John Ryan*  
*Katie*
- 4 - KENNETH STANTON JONES, son of Stanton and Daisy -- graduate DVM Ohio State University 1936 - Oregon State MS in 1942. m GLADYS MUNDELL, who is a graduate of Kansas City Junior and Commercial College. Kenneth b 12-27-1910 -- Gladys<sup>9.1-12-1976</sup> b 11-8-1911. Two children -- Stanton and Stephen.





- 5 - STANTON METELLUS JONES II, son of Kenneth and Gladys, b 1-24-1941.  
freshman in High School, Bowling Green, Ohio (1956) *m. Lynn Nelson 2 ch. Lucy + Sarah*
- 5 - STEPHEN MUNDELL JONES, b 4-19-1946 - 4th grade *m. Kathleen Barker 1 ch. Kirby Mundell Jones*
- 4 - CLAREN C. JONES, b 1-23-1914 - son of Stanton and Daisy - graduate  
Ohio State University, B.S. and M.A. -- m MARJORIE ROSEANA SCHLUM-  
BOHM 10-24-1942 *son of Richard H + Estella (Overly) Schlumbohm* A Marjorie graduate Bowling Green University.  
Claren served three years in U. S. Navy - chairman Science Dept.  
of Highland Park Junior College, Detroit, Michigan - they have  
three children - Allen, Susan and Patricia.
- 5 - ALLEN CLAREN JONES *m. 9-24-74 - Abigail A. Cloud - daughter of Donald + Caroline Cloud* b 10-24-1947.
- 5 - SUSAN AILEEN JONES, b 1-14-1950 *m. 4-22-77 - Dwight Kopper*
- 5 - PATRICIA ANN JONES, b 10-9-1951 *m. 5-29-76 - James Corcoran*
- 4 - LOWELL METELLUS JONES, b 7-28-1915, son of Stanton and Daisy.  
Graduate Ohio State DVM 1941 -- m ANNE ELIZABETH SIMONDS 1-27-1942.  
Anne was b 8-22-1920. They have <sup>6</sup> five children - listed in the  
following order.
- 5 - LOWANNE ELIZABETH JONES, b 6-19-1943 *m. Frank Rodriguez [Anne Elizabeth Jones L.]*
- 5 - ELAINE LOUISE JONES, b 4-22-1945 *A James Swigart [Eric R. Monica A]*
- 5 - CAROLYN MARIE JONES, b 10-29-1947 *m. Randy Johnson*
- 5 - KATHLEEN ADELLE JONES, b 11-21-1949 *m. Michael Kelly [Phillip J. Christopher]*
- 5 - JOHN ANDREW JONES, b 4-18-1952.
- 5 - Margaret Jane Jones - B, 4-14-1956
- 3 - WILLIS LOWELL JONES, fourth son of Christopher and Amanda --  
b 8-17-1871 -- d 1954 -- m EMMA REED -- Willis graduated Ohio  
Normal University in civil engineering - taught country school -



He farmed and later operated a general merchandise store in Ridgeway, Ohio - he was also director in the bank of Ridgeway.

Both Willis and Emma were active church workers and took part in all things for the betterment of the community. Of their five children, two died in infancy.

- 4 - MERRITT EMERSON JONES, son of Emma and Willis, b 9-10-1898 -- Ohio State University B.S. -- m BERTHA ANN ROBISION, B.S. in Education, Kirksville, Mo. Teacher's College. Merritt operates a dairy products business in Milan, Mo. - one daughter.
- 5 - MARIBELLE LOUISE JONES (Porter), B. S. in Education, Kirksville, Mo. -- m 8-7-1955. Both Maribelle and her mother are teachers (1956).
- 4 - ANNA MARIE JONES, b 1-12-1902 -- d in infancy.
- 4 - NAOMI BIRDELLA JONES (Thompson), b 11-17-1904 -- graduate from Ohio Wesleyan University BA and MA from Stanford University. Dean of Girls and Instructor of English, Fullerton (Calif). Junior Union College - Dean of Girls, Portsmouth High School (Ohio), Supervisor of teaching English, Education Dept. Ohio Wesleyan University 1931-1938 -- m CHARLES HOLLINGTON THOMPSON, BA from Ohio Wesleyan and MD from Ohio State University. Dr. Thompson is a physician in general practice, West Mansfield, Ohio. They have one son and one daughter.
- M. Harriett Wolsfenholme - 1958.*
- 5 - CHARLES LOWELL THOMPSON, b 2-25-1937 -- freshman in pre-med school, Ohio Wesleyan University. *3 ch*

B. Charles Hayes Thompson	12-9-58
Cynthia Lefone Thompson	11-9-60
Marlene Marie Thompson	5-31-65
- 5 - IRENE LYNNE THOMPSON, b 9-16-1940 -- sophomore in West Mansfield High School (1956). *M. Thane K Bock - 3-19-62*  
*6 Andrea Kay Bock 8-29-60*  
*6 Steven Douglas Bock 12-4-66*





- 4 - DOROTHY <sup>Mellita</sup> MELLITA JONES (Wallace), b 11-<sup>5</sup>~~8~~-1906 -- Ohio Wesleyan University BA -- m LONSDALE L. WALLACE an alumnus of Ohio State University. Engaged in wholesale jewelry business in Shoreham, Long Island, New York. They have a daughter and two sons -- Judith, Richard and Robert. *aug 2, 1970*
- 5 - JUDITH ANN WALLACE, b 9-30-1936 -- sophomore in Pembroke College, Rhode Island, a girl's school affiliated with Brown University.
- 5 - RICHARD ALAN WALLACE, b 3-25-1941 -- sophomore Port Jefferson High School, Long Island (1956). *m. Richard Nelson 1959*
- 5 - ROBERT BRUCE WALLACE, b 6-5-1942 -- freshman Port Jefferson High School, Long Island.
- 3 - HERBERT DEWITT JONES, b 2-8-1878 -- youngest son of Christopher and Amanda Jones -- m <sup>10.1-19-72</sup> MONTA HOFFMAN <sup>10.1-19-74</sup> 1911 -- both Herbert and Monta were school teachers and both attended Ohio Normal University. Herbert and Monta live on the "Old Homestead Farm" where Herbert was born. This is the original 160 acres his father owned and on which he built a log house and settled with his first wife, Caroline Bosserman Jones. On the side of the barn hangs an ox yoke used on the farm in an earlier day. There are a few of the original fence rails left, a reminder of the early rail fence that enclosed the farm. It is safe to guess that these few remaining rails are more than a hundred years old.



- 4 - RONALD DEVAL JONES, b 5-14-1914 -- PHD from Wisconsin State University -- taught at Taylor University in Indiana and in Michigan State University -- was sent from Michigan State to Okinawa, Japan, where he remained two years in educational work and upon return to the States, took a position at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. m MARJORIE DEW who went with him to Japan - while in Japan Marjorie and Ronald adopted a Japanese-American child, a girl 5 years old.
- 5 - TERRI LIN JONES (by adoption) five years old (1956)
- 4 - HERBERT ELLISON JONES, b 3-12-1920 -- d 1921.
- 4 - ELIADYNE ELIZABETH JONES (Waggoner), b 1-15-1922 - attended Marion College after graduation from Dola, Ohio, High School. m ROBERT M. WAGGONER, who is a minister in a community church in Waconsta, Michigan, where they now live (1956) - two children.
- 5 - MICHAEL WAGGONER - seven years old (1956) b 12-13-1948. m. Rita Roberts 12-14-52
- 5 - MARILYN WAGGONER - four years old (1956) b 5-16-1952.

--End of Christopher Tuttle Jones line--





MARY ELIZABETH JONES (Chambers) (Kibler) (Grantham)  
and her descendants.

- 2 - MARY ELIZABETH JONES (Chambers) (Kibler) (Grantham) was the fourth child of John and Sarah Jones and a sister of Abner, Andrew, Christopher, Morgan, George, Charles and Margaret. She was b 10-25-1829 -- d 1-5-1902.
- m WILLIAM CHAMBERS and after his death she married a man named KIBLER who took her to Missouri. She had a child Willah Chambers by her first husband and two by Kibler - both of the latter died. She moved to Oregon and in her later life married a retired minister named Grantham. Her daughter Willah Chambers married in Oregon.
- 3 - WILLAH CHAMBERS (McLaughlin) - Willah m RICHARD MCLAUGHLIN and to them were born four children.
- 4 - ARA MCLAUGHLIN - no further record.
- 4 - ADA MCLAUGHLIN - a school teacher for many years - she visited in Ohio in about 1902 and taught school in that state before returning to Oregon. She was a young woman with a magnetic personality and was a general favorite among the cousins.
- 4 - EARL MCLAUGHLIN - son of Willah and Richard - no further record.
- 4 - CHESTER MCLAUGHLIN - no further record. *Dead Dec 1969*

--End of Mary Jones Chambers Grantham line--



JOHN MORGAN JONES, Sr.  
and his descendants

2 - JOHN MORGAN JONES, son of John and Sarah, b in Knox county Ohio 11-6-1832 -- d in Kenton, Ohio 7-3-1907 at the age of 75. -- m to ELIZABETH MARINDA GILLEN in 1855 at the age of 23. 'Morgan' as he was called came with his parents from Knox county in 1854. - taught school in Hardin county and after his marriage in 1855, settled on a farm owned by his brother, Christopher, whose wife died four years earlier. Morgan later bought eighty acres. Blanchard station is now located on the SE corner of that eighty acres. Morgan farmed, operated a stone quarry and brick yard, was Justice of the Peace and was often referred to as 'Squire Jones'.

MARINDA GILLEN JONES, wife of John Morgan Jones, was born in New Jersey 3-28-1836 -- d in Kenton, Ohio, 1916 at the age of 80.

They were married 7-1-1855. She came with her parents from New Jersey and settled near Dunkirk, Ohio. Nine children were born to Morgan and Marinda - 2 girls and 7 boys. There were three sets of twins. In the order of their births were:

Ed	Christopher	Bert	
Caroline, Benton, and	and	and	and John, Jr.
Ella	Charles	Dell	

3 - SARAH CAROLINE JONES, b 4-15-1856 -- d 9-18-1873 -- unmarried.

3 - BENTON KNOX JONES, b 3-2-1858-- d 3-8-1920 -- m ALICE MARIE

FREDERICK, 1882. Alice b 12-28-1866 -- d 5-28-1947 at the age of 81. Dr. B. K. Jones graduated from Eclectic Medical School, Cincinnati, Ohio, and practiced medicine in Kenton, Ohio for many years - Knight Templar, member Methodist church, active in civic





affairs, had a wide practice and was stricken while on a professional call, he was known to all the relatives as 'Dr. B. K.'. To Dr. B. K. and Alice were born four children, Clay, Maude, Paul and Marie.

- 4 - WILLIAM CLAY JONES, son of 'B.K.' and Alice was also a physician, a graduate of Eclectic Medical School in Cincinnati - practiced in Chicago, Illinois -- b 3-10-1884 -- d in Chicago 10-29-1932. He was married to VERA PECK who preceded him in death. They adopted an infant child and named him WILLIAM CLAY JONES II and always went by the nickname 'Torchy'. Torchy was born 12-28-1921. After his father and mother's deaths he went to live with his adopted uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crum - graduated from Forest, Ohio, High School - was killed in battle while serving with the armed forces in Europe, 1944.
- 4 - MAUDE ESTELLA JONES (Crum), b 12-2-1886 -- attended Ohio State University -- m CHARLES CRUM who died 9-7-1945. Maude is active in public library work in Forest, Ohio.
- 4 - PAUL FREDERICK JONES, b 9-5-1894 -- graduate Kenton H.S. -- salesman and stock farmer -- m INA CALDWELL of Burlington, Iowa, and together they operate farms in Iowa -- they maintain a home at 2500 Park Lane, Glenview, Ill. They have one son, Paul, Jr.
- 5 - PAUL CALDWELL JONES, b 12-4-1927 -- graduate of the University of Illinois - salesman.
- 4 - MARIE ELEANOR JONES (Van Stronder), b 3-4-1903 -- d 11-2-1955. Graduate <sup>Burlington Iowa H.S.</sup> Kenton H.S. - m BYRON VAN STRONDER who was b 1-9-1901. Byron is a druggist in Kenton, Ohio - two children were born to them - Betty Allice Van Stronder and Robert Eugene Van Stronder.



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- 5 - BETTY ALICE VAN STRONDER, b 3-3-1924 -- graduate Kenton H.S. Lives at home with her Father and assists in the drug store.
- 5 - ROBERT EUGENE VAN STRONDER, son of Marie and Byron, b 11-14-1928 -- m JEAN FORDHAM, b 12-28-1930. Robert is a salesman. To Robert and Jean were born four children - Linda, William, Deborah and Robert II.
- 6 - LINDA MARIE VAN STRONDER, daughter of Robert and Jean, b 1-12-1949.
- 6 - WILLIAM BENTON VAN STRONDER, b 11-17-1947. / 1953
- 6 - DEBORAH DIANNE VAN STRONDER, b 4-30-1951
- 6 - ROBERT KEITH VAN STRONDER, b 12 - 1955.





- 3 - EDDY EUGENE JONES, son of John Morgan Jones, Sr., and twin brother of Ella Josephine Jones (Barnhill) whose family line is listed later in regular order. 'Ed' as he was known was b 9-30-1860 -- d in Kenton, Ohio, 8-6-1914 -- He was stricken with apoplexy in his fifty fourth year. He was active in business and civic affairs, engaged in hay, feed and fuel trade, served two terms as County Treasurer of Hardin County, Ohio - Methodist and Knight Templar. m DELPHIA TAYLOR in 1885. 'Della' as she was called was b 1-12-1868 d 2-6-1911. Two sons Dean and Niel.
- 4 - DEAN C. JONES, b 7-11-1886 -- d 10-30-1929 -- served as County Auditor in Hardin, County, Ohio, and from there went to the State House in Columbus, Ohio, as an assistant in the State Auditor's office where he served until his health failed -- died in Arizona. Dean m CECELIA ANTOINETTE SCHNEIDER and to them were born three girls and one boy - Louise, Ruth, Grace and Daniel.
- 5 - LOUISE MARIE JONES, (Shuler) - (Fish), oldest daughter of Dean and Cecelia - b 6-7-1908 -- m first to R. L. Shuler and after divorce she was m to Dr. HERBERT FISH an osteopathic physician - 1942. To the first marriage was born one child, MARY ELLEN SHULER.
- 6 - MARY ELLEN SHULER (Kidwell), b 11-11-1930. Mary Ellen graduated in music (violin) and worked in symphony until her marriage to JACK KIDWELL. Jack was a pre-medic student but four years in the navy changed his plans and he turned to chemistry. Their home is is Daytona Beach, Fla.



5 - GEORGIA RUTH JONES (Shawd), b 4-19-1914 -- m RALPH SHAWD --

To 'Ruth' and Ralph were born three children -- Raymond, Larry and Janis.

6 - RAYMOND GENE SHAWD, b 6-16-1931.

6 - LARRY DEAN SHAWD, b 1-11-1940.

6 - JANIS LOU SHAWD, b 5-30-1944.

The Shawd family lives in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

5 - GRACE MAE JONES (Lineberger), b 12-31-1918 -- m EDWIN E.

LINEBERGER -- one son, Dean Edwin Lineberger.

6 - DEAN EDWIN LINEBERGER, son of Grace and Edwin, b 7-22-1950.

The Linebergers live in San Francisco, Calif.

5 - DANIEL CLAYTON JONES, son of Dean and Cecelia, b 1-11-1925 --  
unmarried -- lives with his mother in Kenton, Ohio.

4 - NIEL TAYLOR JONES, second son of Ed and Della and younger brother  
of Dean, b 9-25-1899 -- m MINNIE DORN -- divorced and later  
m JAYNE DOTY. To Niel and Minnie was born one son Clayton and to  
Neil and Jayne, one son, Newell. Niel is vice-president and sales  
manager of a manufacturing company in Toledo, Ohio. He was for-  
merly for many years sales manager for the Kelsey-Freeman Lumber  
Company.

5 - CLAYTON K. JONES, son of Niel and Minnie, b 11-16-1923 -- m  
PHYLLIS GRIFFIN and to them was born one child, Kay Ann.

6 - KAY ANN JONES, daughter of Clayton and Phyllis, b 2-6-1949.

5 - NEWELL DEAN JONES, son of Niel and Jayne, b 1-6-1937 -- Newell  
is a freshman in Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio. (1956)

-----End of Ed Jones line-----





(3) 2 - ELLA JOSEPHINE JONES (Barnhill) twin sister of EDDY EUGENE JONES  
b 9-30-1860 -- d 4-29-1940 -- Ohio Normal University and McCormick  
School of Ophthalmology -- m W. D. BARNHILL, MD., Cleveland Medical  
College -- three children -- Vaith, Rhea and Freida.

(4) 3 - RHEA BARNHILL (Zehr), b 7-20-1889 - m 6-18-1913 to NOAH ZEHR.  
Columbia College of Expression, 1910. Housewife and mother of  
one girl and two boys - Marjorie, Robert Daniel and Jerome Douglas.  
Dr. Noah Zehr, b 6-19-1882 -- University of Indiana AB 1905 --  
Western Reserve Medical School MD 1908 -- John Hopkins 1919 --  
Massachusetts General Hospital 1940. The Zehrs live at 301 W.  
Creighton Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

(5) 4 - MARJORIE BARNHILL ZEHR, daughter of Rhea and Noah Zehr, b 6-13-1914  
-- St. Mary of the Woods 1933-- Indiana University AB 1936, also  
degree of MA 1952 -- Chicago University 1948 -- taught five years  
H. S. in Evansville, Indiana. Pi Lambda Theta honorary society  
-- experienced as personnel director and active in public welfare.

(5) 4 - ROBERT DANIEL ZEHR, son of Rhea and Noah Zehr, b in Fort Wayne  
4-18-1916 -- Olympic swimmer 1932 -- YMCA and College swim record  
holder -- Japanese-American swim team, Tokyo 1936. Northwestern  
University AB 1938 -- Phi Delta Theta -- Deru and Purple Key  
honorarys. Army Lt. 1942-1946, Medical corps. Now a salesman  
(1956) with Modernfold Doors, Corp., San Antonio, Texas.  
m LOUISE HAYWOOD MCCAIN who was b 4-5-1914 in Asheboro, N. C.  
Graduate Davenport College for Women, Lenoir, N. C. -- Four child-  
ren were born to Robert and Louise.  
Julia Carol, Robert Daniel II, Michael Noah and Mary Haywood.



- (6) 5 - JULIA CAROL ZEHR, daughter of Robert and Louis, b Springfield, Mo. 5-25-1943 -- d Fort Wayne 8-10-1943.
- (6) 5 - ROBERT DANIEL ZEHR, jr., b Little Rock, Ark. 11-11-1944.
- (6) 5 - MICHAEL NOAH ZEHR, b Asheboro, N. C. 12-6-1945.
- (6) 5 - MARY HAYWOOD ZEHR, b Fort Wayne, Indiana 11-10-1946.
- (5) 4 - JEROME DOUGLAS ZEHR, second son of Rhea and Noah Zehr, b 2-20-1920. YMCA and College swimming teams -- Northwestern University BS 1941 Phi Delta Theta -- Deru Purple Heart honoraries. US Army 1942-46 Service at Leyte -- Hawaii 1945. Now (1956) in creamery business in Morris, Minn. m FLAVIA MARIE MICKLISH who was b at Morris, Minn. 4-23-1919 -- She graduated Northwestern Uni. AB 1938.
- (4) 3 - PAUL VAITH BARNHILL, son of Ella and William Barnhill, b 5-23-1891 d 1-3-1933. Indiana Dental College 1914 -- m SIBYL NEHLS who was b in Clarksville, Miss. 12-17-1893 -- Normal Training School, Lafayette, La. -- Vaith and Sibyl were married in Miss. 12-27-1919. Two children were born to them - Paul Vaith, Jr. and Marilyn.
- (5) 4 - PAUL VAITH BARNHILL, jr., b 9-17-1921 -- m JEAN TERRY 1-25-1940. Three children were born to Vaith and Jean. Paul Vaith III, Terry and Linda.
- (6) 5 - PAUL VAITH BARNHILL III, son of Paul Vaith II and Jean, b in Fort Wayne, Indiana 9-25-1941.
- (6) 5 - TERRY BARNHILL, b in Fort Wayne, Indiana 6-2-1943.
- (6) 5 - LINDA BARNHILL, b in Fort Wayne 1-29-1946.





(5) 4 - MARILYN BARNHILL (Casebere), daughter of Vaith and Sibyl -- b in Fort Wayne 12-21-1924 -- Western College for Women, Oxford, Ohio, housewife and mother of four children. m LOUIS EDWARD CASEBERE 1-10-1945 -- Louis was b 5-5-1921 -- served in Navy Air Corps -- Miami University -- Ohio State MD 1947 -- four children -- David Rickie, Joel and Robert.

(6) 5 - DAVID CASEBERE, b 1-3-1947.

(6) 5 - RICKIE CASEBERE, b 6-16-1949.

(6) 5 - JOEL CASEBERE, b 1-28-1953.

(6) 5 - ROBERT CASEBERE, b 5-5-1954.

(4) 3 - FREIDA ESTELL BARNHILL (Kempf), b South Whitley, Indiana 11-14-1894 m GEORGE LEONARD KEMPF 10-2-1919 -- George was b 10-26-1893. Freida, youngest daughter of Ella and Dr. Will Barnhill is a house wife and mother of two children.

(5) 4 - GEORGE LEONARD KEMPF, Jr., son of Freida and George, b 7-12-1920 Air Force 1942-1946 sgt. -- South Pacific three years. Air photographer. Indiana University BS 1941 -- Salesman. m WINNELLE MYERS 1950. Winnelle was b 4-12-1929 - Ames Scott School for Girls, Atlanta, Ga. -- mother of one child -- Crystal.

(6) 5 - CRYSTAL ANN KEMPF, b Jacksonville, Fla. 8-17-1955.

(5) 4 - WILLIAM DOUGLAS KEMPF, son of Freida and George - b Ft. Wayne, 3-21-1930. Indiana University BS 1946 - ROTC Air Service, 2nd Lt. 1942-1945. Six months in Korea - m BEVERLY MEYER 3-26-1955. Beverly b 11-6-1929 in Ft. Wayne. Graduate Fort Wayne Art School - one child - Susan Lynn Kempf.

(6) 5 - SUSAN LYNN KEMPF, b 3-10-1956, daughter of William and Beverly.



- (3) 2 - CHRISTOPHER FLEMING JONES, a twin of Charles Fremont Jones was born 9-14-1863. Christopher was of a gentle kindly disposition and in his early life had an unusual capacity for memorizing poetry and prose. He was unmarried, lived at home till an unfortunate affliction which caused his death May 21, 1900 at the age of 37.

- (3) 2 - CHARLES FREMONT JONES, a twin of Christopher Fleming Jones was born 9-14-1863 -- Charles died in infancy.

We now come to the third set of twins in the John Morgan Jones, Sr. Family.

Adelbert Metellus Jones and Odell Ulysses Jones.

- (3) 2 - ADELBERT METELLUS JONES, known as 'Bert' was a farmer all his life - b 4-4-1867 a twin of Odell known as 'Dell'. Bert m WILHELMYNA PURDY of Forest, Ohio <sup>2.2-1931</sup> 6-21-1899. He was killed in an accident on his farm near Mt. Victory, Ohio in 1922. There were four children born to them - Meredith, Morgan, Forest and Richard (Dick).

- (4) 3 - MEREDITH FREDERICK JONES, <sup>12-21-1969</sup> b 3-7-1901 -- m <sup>3-25-29 38-15-05</sup> HILDA LAMB - one child <sup>1969</sup> Margaret Mae was born to Meredith and Hilda.

- (5) 4 - MARGARET MAE JONES (Coconour), b 11-20-1930 - m <sup>Norman</sup> LEE COCONOUR and to Margaret and Lee were born two children - <sup>opposite</sup> Meredith Ann and Paul Norman. Margaret is known as 'Peggy'.

- (6) 5 - MEREDITH ANN COCONOUR, b 5-25-1954.

- (6) 5 - PAUL NORMAN COCONOUR, b 8-6-1955.

- (6) *Daughter of Coconour B. 11-24-56*

- (6) *Son of Hilda Coconour B. 11-24-58*





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- (4) 3 - MORGAN METELLUS JONES, second son of 'Bert' and 'Myna', b 10-30-1905.

m HARRIET FISHER March 1932 - four children - Nancy Lee, Marilyn,  
Sally and Paul Morgan.

- (5) 4 - NANCY LEE JONES (Riley), b 12-6-1933 -- m RAYMOND RILEY, 11-27-1953.

6 - Raymond & N. Lee Riley 9-4-58 6 Ellen Riley 5-1-58

- (5) 4 - MARILYN JONES, second daughter of Morgan and Harriet, b 10-2-1936.

m. Jon E. Burgermeister 7-30-61 3en 6. B. Burgermeister Edward 12-11-61  
Student Ohio State University (1956). 6 B. Jon Burgermeister - 5-23-63

- (5) 4 - SALLY JONES, daughter of Morgan and Harriet, b 1-7-1939, Student  
m. Stephen A. Bennett 6-27-59 [2en - 6 B. Bennett - 6-16-63  
Ohio State University (1956). 6 B. Stephen Bennett - 5-23-63

- (5) 4 - PAUL MORGAN JONES, youngest son of Morgan and Harriet, b 8-13-1942.

m. Sandra Elaine Cowgill 1-30-65

(6) Wendie Jones B-10-25-65

- (4) 3 - FOREST ADELBERT JONES, third son of 'Bert' and 'Myna' -- b, 10-2-

1909 -- m LILLIAN WHITAKER 4-2-1941 -- Forest is a recruiting Sgt.

in the Army, located in Brownsville, Texas.

- (4) 3 - WARREN RICHARD JONES, known as 'Dick' - graduate Chicago University

MD - Medical doctor in U. S. Navy - Dick was born 3-14-1921 -- m

Mary LOUISE ROBUCK 4-15-1941 - four children - Charles Morgan, John

Frederick, Myna Lee and Joe Richard.

- (5) 4 - CHARLES MORGAN JONES, known as 'Morgan', b 11-2-1941

m. Patricia Morrison 6-9-63

- (5) 4 - JOHN FREDERICK JONES, b 2-1-1943.

(6) Kenneth Morgan Jones  
Born 7-10-66

- (5) 4 - MYNA LEE JONES, b 2-27-1944.

Bert and Myna had four sons, ten grandchildren and two great grand  
children.

- (5) Joe Richard Jones B 5-12-47 - m. Constance Jean Hall 4-15-67  
---end of Bert and Myna's families---

(6) Kimberly Diane Jones  
7.12-9-67



ODELL'S FAMILY

- (3) 2 - ODELL ULYSSES JONES, known as 'Dell' and twin brother of 'Bert'.

Odell was a physician in Rushsylvania at the time of his death in 1917. m EMMA SWIMLEY - three children - Arthur, Corrinne and Hattie Bee and four grand children.

- (4) 3 - ARTHUR ODELL JONES, b 6-26-1891 -- d 12-25-1918. -- m GERTRUDE HALEY --- to them was born one child NITA DELL.

- (5) 4 - NITA DELL JONES (Lemly), b 10-10-1918 -- m RICHARD LEMLY.

- (4) 3 - CORRINNE JONES (Losey), second child of Dell and Emma -- b 1-11-1894 <sup>B. 11-14-74</sup> -- m THEADORE LOSEY -- two children -- Theadore, Jr. and Rittner.

- (5) 4 - THEADORE LOSEY, Jr., b 1-31-1924 -- m JEAN HAMBERT. <sup>B. 12-10-59</sup> (6) Ginny Jean Losey (given name)  
(5) 4 - RITTNER ODELL LOSEY, b 4-15-1926. <sup>B. 11-25-76</sup> m. Joan Rittner

- (4) 3 - HATTIE BEE JONES (Clark), b 3-11-1901 -- m RITTNER CLARK and to them was born one child -- Thomas Odell Clark.

- (5) 4 - THOMAS ODELL CLARK, b 2-1-1941. <sup>B. 6-13-65</sup> m. Karen Hansen  
Dell and Emma had three children and three grand children.

---end of Dell and Emma's families---





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- 2 -- JOHN MORGAN JONES, Jr., b 1-31-1874 -- attended Ohio Normal Univ. taught elementary schools 1895-1902, salesman -- railway postal clerk to 1936 after retirement engaged as a real estate broker until 1956. Chancellor Commander Knights of Pythias 1912 and again in 1920. Elder Presbyterian Church 1930 to 1956. Commission to General Assembly Presbyterian Church 1951 - member executive Board People's City Mission for many years. m GEORGIA HILDENBRAND, 8-20-1902 -- Georgia was b 12-31-1874 -- d 3-12-1950. She was a member DAR, life member National Mission Board - active worker in the Presbyterian Church. John and Georgia had one daughter - Elizabeth.
- 3 - GRACE ELIZABETH JONES (Bancroft), daughter of John and Georgia - graduate University of Nebraska AB - member PEO and DAR - active worker in the Presbyterian Church - b, 9-26-1904 in Denver, Colorado - m PAUL M. BANCROFT, who with his twin sister was born in the Hawaiian Islands 11-21-1901. Paul graduated Univ. of Nebr. BSc - MSc and MD and is a practicing physician in Lincoln, Nebr. Paul and Elizabeth were married in Lincoln in August 1930. Three children - Georgiana, John Morgan and William Hobart (Bill).
- 4 - GEORGIANA BANCROFT, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth, b 1-16-1932 -- d 6-25-1932.
- 4 - JOHN MORGAN BANCROFT, known as 'John', b 4-18-1933 - m MARIE MANGOLD. John graduated from University of Minnesota BSc - Marie from Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska. They have two children - John David Bancroft and Paul Douglas Bancroft.
- 5 - JOHN DAVID BANCROFT, son of John and Marie, b 7-10-1953.
- 5 - PAUL DOUGLAS BANCROFT, called, 'Doug', b 4-17-1955.
- 4 - WILLIAM HOBART BANCROFT, son of Paul and Elizabeth, b 5-22-1938. Student University of Nebraska (1956)



GEORGE WOLFE JONES FAMILY  
and descendants

- 2 - GEORGE WOLFE JONES, b 9-29-1835 in Knox county, Ohio -- d in Colo. 11-4-1913. It was he who worked so diligently some years ago collecting data for a family history. He didn't live to see the work completed but others took up where he left off and this, with some history added, is the result. George was the sixth of the family of John and Sarah. He came to Hardin county with his parents when he was about nineteen years old and helped to clear his father's wooded land in Washington twp. He married MARY ANN RUSH in 1855. Most of his married life was spent in Ohio and Indiana. His five children were born in Ohio. He enlisted in the Union Army in Co. I, 175th O.V.I. He took part in the battles of Franklin and Nashville. Discharged at the close of the war in 1865. MARY ANN RUSH wife of George Wolfe Jones was b 7-31-1837. -- d 11-3-1892. She was the mother of five children -- Florence, Emma, Oliveretta, Charles and Cora.
- 3 - FLORENCE S. JONES (Kepner), daughter of George and Mary Ann -- b 7-26-1861 -- d 2-19-1933. Most of her early life was spent with the Fleming family in Kenton, Ohio. She married CHARLES KEPNER and lived in Columbia City, Indiana until her death -- no children.
- 3 - EMMA J. JONES (Close), b 11-30-1862 -- d 7-12-1880 -- m WILL CLOSE. They had one daughter -- Mode Close.
- 4 - MODE CLOSE (Palmer), b 7-2-1880 -- d 9-7-1944 -- m FRANK PALMER. Divorced -- mother of three children -- Evelyn, Ruth and Roy.
- 5 - EVELYN MARIE PALMER, b 8-26-1903 -- m JOHN SPENCER -- divorced. One son -- Vernon Spencer. Evelyn divorced John Spencer and





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married Albert Chandler and later divorced Chandler (dates unknown).  
*m. Sam Blair*

Vernon Dee Spencer was born to Evelyn and John Spencer.

6 - VERNON DEE SPENCER, b 2-12-1927.

5 - EMMA RUTH PALMER (Harris) (Sweetland) -- Emma b 8-8-1905 -- m

HARRY HARRIS who d 1931 -- after Harry died she married LEON SWEET-

LAND March 1953. EMMA RUTH was the daughter of Mode Close Palmer.

6 - WAYNE PALMER HARRIS, son of Emma Ruth and Harry Harris. b 9-22-1929

*6-25-55* 7 Edward Wayne B. 7-14-57  
Wayne married JEAN STAFFORD. 7 John Stafford B. 4-27-61

5 - ROY FRANKLIN PALMER, b 4-23-1907 -- m MARJORIE STARGRANT. One  
son born to them -- Leland Roy Palmer.

6 - LELAND ROY PALMER, son of Roy and Marjorie -- Leland married 1955  
and three months later, July 1955, was killed in a plane crash.

He was a jet pilot. He was a grandson of Mode Palmer. A son,

Leland Roy Palmer was born 2-20-1956 several months after his  
father's death.

7 - LELAND ROY PALMER II, b 2-20-1956.

3 - OLIVERETTA JONES, third child of George and Mary Ann -- b 12-9-1864  
died in infancy.

3 - CHARLES OLIVER JONES, fourth child of George and Mary Ann - b 11-

*2-10-5-1965*  
25-1866. -- m NANNIE LEWIS who was b 9-27-1869 -- d 9-6-1946. --

Married in Monroeville, Indiana -- seven children -- Beulah, Ruth,  
Paul, Floyd, Esther, Lola and Carlton.

4 - BEULAH CLEO JONES, b 2-25-1891 *2-10-5-1970* -- public school teacher for a

number of years and later home maker for her father and brother.

Unmarried -- helps to manage a ranch near Longmont, Colorado.



- 4 - RUTH MARIE JONES (Tarr) (Erickson), b 9-27-1892 -- m OTIS TARR,  
1-8-1918 and after Tarr's death she married HENRY ERICKSON 3-6-1943.  
She had three children from her first marriage - Delbert Leroy Tarr,  
Marie Iola Tarr and Gladys Ellen Tarr.
- 5 - DELBERT LEROY TARR, son of Ruth and Otis, b 8-15-1921 -- m ANNA  
STONE - divorced Anna Stone and later married PHYLLIS FURGUSON  
All three of Delbert's children from first marriage. Jack Leroy  
Tarr, Catherine Ann Tarr and Robert Hale Tarr.
- 6 - JACK LEROY TARR, son of Delbert and Anna, b <sup>9-9-1942</sup> ~~8-15~~-1942.
- 6 - CATHERINE ANN TARR, b 6-30-1946.
- 6 - ROBERT HALE TARR, b 11-4-1948.
- 5 - MARIE IOLA TARR (Vale), daughter of Ruth and Otis Tarr -- b 7-19-  
1924 -- m HAROLD VALE 1-18-1948. Born to them Cheryl Lynn Vale,  
Charles Eugene Vale, and Shiela Marie Vale.
- 6 - CHERYL LYNN VALE, daughter of Marie and Harold, b 11-6-1948.
- 6 - CHARLES EUGENE VALE, b 10-31-1952.
- 6 - SHIELA MARIE VALE, b 9-22-1954.
- 5 - GLADYS ELLEN TARR (Pickering), b 7-31-1926 -- m JESSE PICKERING  
12-16-1944. One child Eleanor Joyce Pickering born to Gladys and  
Jesse. Gladys divorced Jesse and married George Nelson - To  
this marriage were two children, Jo Ann Elaine Nelson and Janice  
Kay Nelson.
- 6 - ELEANOR JOYCE PICKERING, daughter of Gladys and Jesse Pickering -  
b 10-26-1945.
- 6 - JO ANN ELAINE NELSON, daughter of Gladys's second marriage, b  
9-13-1950.
- 6 - JANICE KAY NELSON, second daughter of Gladys's second marriage,  
b 6-8-1954.
- 6 - Georgetta Marie Nelson - B. 10-10-1958





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- 4 - PAUL LEWIS JONES, son of Charles and Nannie, b 8-2-1894 -- m <sup>D. 5-1973</sup>  
MARJORY LUCAS 11-8-1916 who died 6-8-1951 -- Paul later married <sup>M. 6-12-1953 - D. 5-27-1961</sup>  
ORA GARNER. To Paul and Marjory were born two daughters,  
Velma and Dorothy.
- 5 - VELMA JEWEL JONES (Peterson), b 8-6-1917 -- m FRED PETERSON 4-25-  
1946. Born to Velma and Fred one child Marjorie Beth Peterson.
- 6 - MARJORIE BETH PETERSON, b 7-19-1954.
- 5 - DOROTHY LAVONNE JONES (Magnie), b 6-26-1919 -- m LLOYD MAGNIE  
10-9-1941, two daughters to Dorothy and Lloyd - Sharon Lee and  
Myrna Lynn.
- 6 - SHARON LEE MAGNIE, b 12-2-1943.
- 6 - MYRNA LYNN MAGNIE, b 10-28-1946.
- 4 - FLOYD ABNER JONES, son of Charles and Nannie, b 8-20-1896.  
m CATHERINE ALLISON - two sons - Melvin and Charles.
- 5 - MELVIN THOMAS JONES, b 10-7-1931 -- son of Floyd and Catherine.  
m DORIS EFAW -- 1-2-1955 -- one son born to Melvin and Doris.
- 6 - BRUCE ALLEN JONES, son of Melvin and Doris -- b 10-25-1955.  
<sup>7 Richard Lee Jones B. 1-24-57 --- 7 Sharon Lynn Jones B. 12-7-61</sup>
- 5 - CHARLES NORMAN JONES, son of Floyd and Catherine -- b 11-4-1934.  
m JANET WILKINSON 6-18-1955.  
<sup>6 Amy Lynn Jones - B. 10-31-54</sup>
- 4 - ESTHER PEARL JONES (Gates), b 12-17-1898 -- d 4-25-1941. m JAMES  
<sup>D. 8-20-56</sup>  
GATES 11-16-1923 -- one child Virginia Gates.
- 5 - VIRGINIA MAE GATES (McKeller), b 10-26-1924 -- m EARLE MCKELLER <sup>7-23-43</sup> <sup>D. 2-11-61</sup>  
There were two children born to Virginia and Earle -- Margaret  
Joyce McKeller and Robert Earle McKeller.
- 6 - MARGARET JOYCE MCKELLER, b 6-11-1944. <sup>M. Robert Myers 1-1963</sup>  
<sup>Adopted Gerald Eugene (Remickson) B. 7-17-1941</sup>
- 6 - ROBERT EARLE MCKELLER, b 8-8-1945 -- d 2-23-1950.



- 4 - LOLA FLORENCE JONES (Trautwein), b 11-15-1901 -- a registered nurse before her marriage to JOHN TRAUTWEIN -- they live in California -- *John died Nov. 15-1978 - Buried in Colo.* have no children.
- 4 - CARLTON CLIFFORD JONES, b 8-13-1904 -- unmarried -- operates a farm near Longmont, Colorado.
- 3 - CORA JEANETTE JONES (Roy), b 12-12-1870 -- d 11-24-1950 -- m CHARLES HENRY ROY 6-30-1897 -- Eight children - Marie Ann, Dale, Margaret, Vernon, Frieda, Donald Charles, Harold and Ardinelle. *19. 11-30-56*
- 4 - MARIE ANN ROY (Emenhiser), b 11-13-1898 -- m COYLE EMENHISER 10-21-1919 -- Five children LeRoy, Cora, Howard, Dorothy and Charles.
- 5 - LEROY DAVID EMENHISER, b 2-22-1921 -- m DORIS IRENE HEGE 3-11-1942 Two children Jerry and Karen.
- 6 - JERRY EUGENE EMENHISER, b 9-11-1942. *m. Jeanette Myers 4-20-68*  
*(7) Tracy Ann Emehiser 1-9-70*
- 6 - KAREN SUE EMENHISER, b 6-19-1953.
- 5 - CORA JANE EMENHISER (Conrad), b 9-11-1922 -- m ARNOLD CONRAD 3-24-1948. No children.
- 5 - HOWARD DALE EMENHISER, b 9-23-1923 -- m DORIS VIRGINIA CUMMINS, 10-5-1947. <sup>4</sup>Three children, Linda, David and Robert. *Dorion Kay - B. 3-25-59*
- 6 - LINDA LOUISE EMENHISER, b 6-30-1949. *m Douglas Eugene Ruhl 3/19-70*
- 6 - DAVID WAYNE EMENHISER, b 3-9-1952.
- 6 - ROBERT DALE EMENHISER, b 11-24-1955.
- 5 - DOROTHY JOAN EMENHISER (Houk), b 2-9-1925 -- m JOHN THOMAS HOUK *Dorion 4-61*  
 11-11-1946 -- one child, Jo Ellen. *m. Steven Maurer*  
*(7) Christopher Maurer*
- 6 - JOE ELLEN HOUK, b 5-17-1951.
- 5 - CHARLES THEADORE EMENHISER, b 6-1-1933 -- m PATRICIA WOLF 2-3-1956.  
*4*  
 No children, Charles is the youngest child of Marie and Coyle Emenhiser. *Kevin - Rouven, Debbie Jerry Lee*
- 4 - DALE ROY, second child of Cora and Charles Roy, b 7-30-1900 -- d 9-4-1900.





- 4 - MARGARET J. ROY (Plummer), b 7-22-1901 -- m DOYLE PLUMMER 10-1-1923. <sup>27</sup> Doyle died 1-2-1954 -- Three children, Marion Jeanette, Norman Leon and Donald Eugene.
- 5 - MARION JEANETTE PLUMMER (Gaffer), b 12-12-1924 -- m ROLLAND GAFFER, 6-18-1949 -- <sup>3</sup> two children - Debra Denice and Susan Kay. *Kenneth Gaffer 13, 12-26-54*
- 6 - DEBRA DENICE GAFFER, b 2-11-1952.
- 6 - SUSAN KAY GAFFER, b 10-22-1954.
- 5 - NORMAN LEON PLUMMER, son of Margaret and Doyle Plummer, b 2-16-1928 d 7-22-1951.
- 5 - DONALD EUGENE PLUMMER, b 8-14-1929 -- m MAXINE LOIS HOUSER 4-17-1954. Two children - Steven and Daniel.
- 6 - STEVEN ALLEN PLUMMER, b 10-16-1954.
- 6 - DANIEL JENE PLUMMER, b 6-6-1956.
- 4 - VERNON LOYD ROY, fourth child of Cora and Charles Roy, b 4-5-1903 d 11-27-1920.
- 4 - FRIEDA RUTH ROY (Denig), b 5-30-1905 -- m MAURICE FRANKLIN DENIG <sup>7-22-65</sup> *m. Wilbert Zock 8-2-64?* 6-4-1926. One child - Judy Lou. *Judy B. 3-3-7-1958*
- 5 - JUDY LOU DENIG, b 11-13-1938 *m. David Matthias 7-7-57* *Marty B. 8-21-1954* *Carrie B. 5-1-1961* *Lore B. 5-2-1964*
- 4 - DONALD C. ROY, b 12-20-1906 -- d 2-1-1907.
- 4 - HAROLD ORMAN ROY, b 9-28-1908, <sup>5-14-67</sup> seventh child of Cora and Charles. m DeLEE DALTON 6-14-1929 -- three children -- David, Ronald, Kenneth. *Separated 1963*
- 5 - DAVID ROY, son of Harold and DeLee Roy, b 8-15-1942. *m. Carol 3-2-1964*
- 5 - RONALD ROY, second son of Harold and DeLee, b 11-5-1944. *6-Julie Ann Roy B. 4-9-68* *m. Judy 4-1-1967*
- 5 - KENNETH ROY, third son of Harold and DeLee, b 12-15-1948. *6-Randolph Eugene Roy - B. - 2-10-68*
- 4 - ARDINELLE ROY (Williamson), b 5-8-1914 -- m WALTER LEON WILLIAMSON 5-30-1937 -- two children Beckie Mae and Betsie Ann.
- 5 - BECKIE MAE WILLIAMSON, b 12-11-1942. *m. Randall Steele 12-27-63*
- 5 - BETSIE ANN WILLIAMSON, b 1-2-1945. *(6) Tamara Rae Steele - B. 6-12-69* *m. Gordon Tennell - 7-12-69*



CHARLES PETER JONES  
and descendants

2 - CHARLES PETER JONES, son of John and Sarah, b 8-16-1833 -- d 4-1-1912 -- m ELIZA JANE CAMPBELL who was b 11-27-1843 and d 6-10-1927. Both were buried in Dunkirk cemetery. Charles was a prosperous farmer and dairyman. His farm home was at one time, one of the most attractive homes on the Dunkirk-Kenton 'pike', located half way between these two towns. Two sons were born to them - Lehr Bender Jones and Early Verne Jones.

Uncle Charley and Aunt 'Lide' furnished hospitality to many people. They raised a girl from childhood, that we always thought of as a cousin. HATTIE WEDERTZ lived with them until she was married.

We also remember a little boy, BERTIE SUTTON who came to live with them for a time after his mother died. Their home was indeed a Welcome Home. Charles Peter Jones enlisted in Co. F 176th O.V.I. in September 1864 and was honorably discharged in June 1865.

3 - LEHR BENDER JONES, eldest son of Charles and 'Lide' - b 2-21-1867 d 10-10-1909 -- m OLA MATILDA LEWIS who was b 10-25-1866 -- d 7-26-1950. Both were buried in Grove cemetery, Kenton, Ohio. Lehr attended Ohio Normal University -- was a farmer and dairyman near Kenton. There were seven children born to Lehr and Ola.-- Ray, Lloyd, Cleva, Lucille, Clyde, Gladys and June.

4 - RAY PARDEE JONES, son of Lehr and Ola, b 1-24-1891 -- m ALTA ELLEN HOWEY, who was b 5-5-1890 -- two children -- Neil and Evelyn.

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- 5 - NEIL HOWEY JONES, b <sup>3-24-1920</sup> 3-24-1920 - m LONA ELAINE BALDWIN, who was  
b 6-30-1920 -- they were m 6-19-1948 -- two children were b to  
*Craig B. married June 4, 1971*  
Neil and Lona -- Craig Baldwin Jones and Bruce Monroe Jones.
- 6 - CRAIG BALDWIN JONES, b 9-22-1949. *m. Pamela Rogers 6-4-71*  
*(7) Megan Elizabeth Jones - B 2-3-72*
- 6 - BRUCE MONROE JONES, b 4-13-1952.
- 5 - EVELYN MARCYLLE JONES (Roberge) daughter of Ray Pardee Jones and  
Alta Howey Jones was born 3-20-1922 -- m to JOSEPH DONALD ROBERGE  
three children -- Mary, Jean and Thomas.
- 6 - MARY RUTH ROBERGE - d in infancy 1949.
- 6 - JEAN ANCILLITA ROBERGE, b 10-6-1950.
- 6 - THOMAS MARK ROBERGE, b 12-16-1951.
- 4 - LLOYD LEWIS JONES, son of Lehr and Ola, b 7-10-1893 -- unmarried.
- 4 - CLEVA MAE JONES (Smith), b 11-4-1899 -- m WILLIAM SMITH who was  
b 12-3-1879 -- d 7-30-1950. He was buried in Grove cemetery.  
Cleva and William were m 11-24-1927. They had no children.
- 4 - MARGARET LUCILLE JONES (Getz), she is known as 'Lucille'.  
*10. 5-12-73*  
b 7-25-1901 -- daughter of Lehr and Ola Jones. Lucille m GEORGE  
HENRY GETZ who was b 1-4-1899. To them were born four children  
*Titus*  
*Marilyn* Marilyn, Eunice, Velma and Helen.
- 5 - MARILYN GETZ, died in infancy (Nov. 1925).
- 5 - EUNICE LUCILLE GETZ (Titus), b 11-26-1926 -- m ORA MURLIN TITUS  
7-3-1949 -- Ora was b 4-7-1924. Two children -- Jason and Starla.
- 6 - JASON MURLIN TITUS, b 3-30-1951.
- 6 - STARLA MARIE TITUS, b 9-14-1953. *m. Craig West 4-28-73*  
*(7) Amber Marie West B. 4-12-75*  
*(7) Tayla Lynn West - Born Aug 3-1978*



- 5 - VELMA MAE GETZ (Greer), daughter of Lucille and George Getz,  
b 2-25-1929 -- m ROBERT W. GREER 11-19-1955 -- ~~one~~<sup>8</sup> children --
- 6 - DIANA LYNN GREER, b ? 2-11-52 - *M. Lynn Miller 7-5-72*
- 5 - HELEN ELIZABETH GETZ (Maurer), b 5-10-1931, daughter of Margaret  
and George Getz -- m THOMAS EDWARD MAURER -- ~~no~~<sup>5</sup> children.
- 4 - CLYDE ROOSEVELT JONES, son of Lehr and Ola Jones, b 11-7-1903 --  
m LAURA WHETSTONE WEST who was b 9-4-1905 -- both graduated from  
Ohio State University -- Laura a teacher in High School. Three  
children - Betty, Lloyd and Clyde.
- 5 - BETTY IRENE WEST, daughter of Laura West -- registered nurse.
- 5 - LLOYD ARNOT JONES, b 11-27-1942. *Married Carol Humphrey 12-27-65*
- 5 - CLYDE LEWIS JONES, b 4-30-1947. *M. Ruth Humphrey married 6-23-69*
- 4 - GLADYS JONES (Ward) daughter of Lehr and Ola, b 9-27-1905 --  
*M. Joan Swartout 5-29-76*  
m 6-25-1933 to HAROLD EDWIN WARD who was b 2-20-1902 -- two  
children - twins, Janiece Mae and Berniece Rae, b 4-2-1935.  
Gladys was a registered nurse St. Rita's Hospital, Lima, Ohio.
- 5 - JANIECE MAE WARD, b 4-2-1935.
- 5 - BERNIECE RAE WARD, b 4-2-1935. *M. Charles Wynn 9-30-73*
- 4 - JUNE BERNICE JONES (Schrittner), b 6-17-1907 -- m 9-1-1937 to  
GEORGE EMMINE SCHRITTNER, 2-16-1897. *No children.*





3 - EARLEY VERNE JONES, second son of Charles and Lide, b 5-17-1875.

m ORRA MAY WABLE 12-24-1899 -- Orra was b 6-5-1877 -- d 6-4-1924.

After Orra's death Verne married LILY STARNER and after their separation, he married MABEL BOWMAN 10-4-1930. To Verne and Orra were born four children -- Franzel, Frank, Cloris and Marzee.

4 - CLARA FRANZEL JONES (Pool), b 7-15-1900 -- she is know as 'Franzel'.

m VIRGIL M. POOL 12-22-1921 - one child - Wilma Eileen Pool.

5 - WILMA EILEEN POOL (Elwood), b 10-21-1928 -- m LLOYD V. ELWOOD who was b 7-31-1928 -- they were m 2-5-1950 -- one child.

6 - GREGORY MARSHALL ELWOOD, b 5-11-1950. *M. Donatone Sue Hawkins 6-19-76*

4 - FRANK DICKERSON JONES, b 9-19-1905 -- m MARGARET WELLING 6-15-1929.

Margaret was b 5-31-1907 -- four children, Clair Sterling Jones, Mariam Lou Jones, Martha Ann Jones and Cloyd Campbell Jones.

5 - CLAIR STERLING JONES, son of Frank and Margaret, b 8-28-1930 -- m DONNA BELLE SLOAN - Donna b 4-18-1928 -- No children.

5 - MARIAM LOU JONES (Marshall), b 11-19-1931 -- m JACK D. MARSHALL

7-26-1953 -- Jack was b 8-14-1930. *(6) Steven Marshall*  
*(6) Helen Bruce Bryan Marshall*

5 - MARTHA ANN JONES (Bash), b 5-19-1935 -- m PAUL ROBERT BASH *(6) Melissa Marshall*

3-21-1953 -- two children born to Martha and Paul - Samuel Bash and David Randel Bash.

6 - ROBERT SAMUEL BASH, b 8-20-1953. *M. Karin Denise Nash - 6-13-73*

6 - DAVID RANDEL BASH, b 6-1-1955.

*(6) Jan Bash*

5 - CLOYD CAMPBELL JONES, son of Frank and Margaret, b 6-28-1937

*M. Sharon Rose 3-64*

*(6) Jillene Ann Jones - B. 1-22-65*  
*(6) Rick Alan Jones B. 2-22-67*  
*(6) Ted Leonard Jones B. 4-22-69*



- 4 - CLORIS JONES (Reber) (Cook), b 11-26-1907 -- m ELTON REBER and later in 1936 m JOHN PAUL COOK -- three children - two by first marriage and one by the second - Marilyn Jean Reber, Janet Lee Reber and Peter Joseph Cook.
- 5 - MARILYN JEAN REBER (Moenter), b 2-29-1928 (Record here incomplete) <sup>Walter</sup> two children - Karen Moenter and Kathy Moenter.
- 6 - KAREN MOENTER, b 6-13-1950. *M. Larry A Rodgers. 11-28-69. Married 1971*
- 6 - KATHY MOENTER, b 5-21-1953. *⑥ Krista Moenter - M. @ Willie Diabe 9-25-71*
- 5 - JANET LEE REBER (Ralston), b 6-27-1930 -- m RALSTON (record incomplete), one child - Krista Ralston.
- 6 - KRISTA RALSTON, born Sept. 1954.
- 5 - JOSEPH PETER COOK, son of Cloris and John Paul Cook - b 2-16-1939. *M. Ruth Ann Zimmerman - ⑥ Jon Cook - ⑥ Amy Cook, ⑥ Chad Cook*
- 4 - HELEN MARZEE JONES (McBride) known as 'Marzee', b 6-12-1914 -- m ORA ROBERT MCBRIDE 8-2-1936 - Ora McBride died 6-11-1943. Marzee and Ora had two children - Robert J. McBride and Steven J. McBride.
- 5 - ROBERT J. MCBRIDE, son of Marzee and Ora, b 3-25-1939. *M. Bonna Gault*
- 5 - STEVEN J. MCBRIDE, b 3-22-1942. *⑥ Jack McBride ⑥ Jerry L. McBride ⑥ James McBride*  
*M. Judy Mabery 1960 about - M. Barbara Ann Coover - 1973*
- End of Charles Peter Jones line---
- 6 *Michael McBride ⑥ Allison McBride - ⑥ Kevin McBride 1970*
- 6 *Steven Andrew McBride b 6-24-77*





MARGARET SOPHIA JONES (Fleming)  
and descendants

- 2 - MARGARET SOPHIA JONES (Fleming), b in Knox county, Ohio, 4-2-1841  
-- d in Dunkirk, Ohio, 12-14-1926. She moved to Hardin county  
with her parents, John and Sarah Jones about 1854. Margaret taught  
school prior to her marriage to W. H. FLEMING. The Fleming and  
Jones families were neighbors and close friends in those pioneer  
days. W. H. Fleming was at one time postmaster at Dunkirk and  
operated a general store there. He served in the U. S. Army and  
after the close of the war married Margaret Jones in about the year  
1871. After their marriage, they lived in Kenton, Ohio, where  
'Uncle Will' as we called him, was elected Clerk of the Court of  
Hardin county. He died in Dunkirk, Ohio, in 1921. Margaret was  
a popular young school teacher prior to her marriage. Hoopskirts,  
side saddles, husking bees and singing schools were all a part of  
the society she knew in the days of her youth. The Flemings had  
three children - Olga, Dean and Dow.

- E. 10-20-54*  
3 - OLGA DALE FLEMING (Clark), b 7-16-1872 -- educated in piano --  
taught music and dancing before her marriage to W. B. CLARK in *1894-2-66 - via B. 1869*  
1899. Olga and Will were members of the Drifter's Club, a society  
club with rather a unique history. Organized and named by a  
group of small boys who held their meetings in a hen house at  
the back of a neighbor's lot, the organization attracted the at-  
tention of the older sisters and brothers who dignified the club  
by renting a hall - it grew to be a select club - the elite of  
Kenton society.



Olga and Will were parents of two boys - Rittner and Jerome.

- 4 - RITTNER HARRAH CLARK, son of Olga and Will Clark, b 5-23-1900 --  
d 1-22-1950 -- m FLORENCE MOSS and after a divorce he married  
BEE JONES. To Rittner and Bee was born one child - Thomas Odell  
Clark.
- 5 - THOMAS ODELL CLARK, son of Rittner and Bee was b 2-1-1941. Lives  
with his mother in Columbus, Ohio.
- 4 - DEAN JEROME CLARK, second son of Olga and Will was b 6-16-1906 --  
d 3-9-1952 -- m MARY SULLIVAN who was b 10-3-1914 in Detroit,  
Michigan -- m in Detroit 6-25-1938 -- two daughters -- Ellen Mary  
Clark and Marilyn Joyce Clark.
- 5 - ELLEN MARY CLARK, daughter of Jerome and Mary Clark, b 8-30-1942.
- 5 - MARILYN JOYCE CLARK, b 3-12-1947.
- 3 - DEAN FLEMING, son of Margaret and Will Fleming -- twin brother of  
Dow. Dean was b 12-23-1875 -- d 1-12-1902 -- unmarried.
- 3 - DOW FLEMING, twin of Dean -- b 12-23-1875 -- d 5-13-1923 -- unmarried.

---End of Margaret Jones Fleming line---

This is also the end of the geneological line beginning with Andrew and Margaret Jones who were born in Revolutionary days.

"All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players;  
They have their exits and their entrances;  
And one man in his time plays many parts."  
--Shakespeare--

And so we've seen old Andrew and his wife Margaret come onto the stage,  
act their parts briefly and pass on into silence. Their children and  
children's children, each in turn pass before the spotlight and move  
on with time - like an endless belt.





PART TWO

AN

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

BY

JOHN M JONES Jr.



## MY OWN STORY

JOHN M. JONES, Jr.

Most of the Jones families were centered in the area around Dunkirk, Ohio, when I was born in 1874. The little village of Blanchard Station, four miles south of Dunkirk, is located on the southeast corner of my Father's eighty acres.

Our farm faced the Range Line road for a distance of eighty rods, then extended east 160 rods to where Blanchard Station is now. Blanchard Station was not there until long after we moved, in fact, the Toledo and Ohio Central RR was not there at that time.

My first recollections stem from this farm home and as I look back over my rather long life, I seem to have lived there a long time - six and a half years to be exact.

It is interesting to speculate on how early in life a child can remember events. I vaguely remember certain things that happened when I was probably less than two years old. One event had to do with a house snake, sometimes called a milk-snake. I had been left to sit in the sun at the side of the house. When my mother came out and found me staring at a milk-snake that was slowly crawling toward me, she grabbed me up and her excitement was the only thing that impressed me as being anything wrong.

I was two years old when my Father and Mother went to Philadelphia to attend the Centennial Exposition of 1876.





They left Aunt Tilly, my mother's sister, in charge and I vaguely remember that, but I must say that some of the events were just 'hearsay'. One such, was when my two oldest brothers, Ed and Benton, went out in the field and ate a piece of pumpkin so that they could tell Mother when she came home that Aunt Tilly didn't give them enough to eat.

Then I remember that for months and maybe longer, Father and Mother had much to tell of the sights they saw. They brought a stereoscope and views of scenes around Niagara Falls and they told how a man walked a tight rope across and above the falls. They had a picture of this man and it was all very exciting.

This stereoscope was brought out whenever company came and that with the family album was a very good entertainment for the guests. The family album had a pretty plush cover. In it were tin-type pictures of Civil War soldiers, most of them our uncles or men they knew. They were what was called cabinet sized photographs of relatives and friends and newly married couples dressed in their wedding finery, he sitting and she standing, with her hand on his shoulder. They looked very nice. There were uncles with chin whiskers and large watch chains and women with yards and yards of flaring skirts over wire hoop-skirts.

My sister played the organ and often the young folks would gather around the organ and sing.



It seems to me that I rode horses ever since I was a baby. I was just five and a half years old when we moved from that place and I remember well how I rode a gentle bay mare on a gallop down through the meadow and drove in the cows. She galloped so smoothly one couldn't fall off. I couldn't bridle her but someone would put the bridle on, get her ready and boost me up. Once when the men were unhitching the mules for dinner one of the hired men lifted me up on old Bill's back. Bill was a safe old mule but a little headstrong. He was too impatient to wait for anyone to open the fence so he jumped over with me on his back. I clung to the harness and went with old Bill to the water trough - exciting for a five year old who enjoyed the adventure.

My Father operated a stone quarry. The hole is visible yet after a period of more than eighty years. They had none of the modern tools for mining rock in those days. Getting ready to blast they would use a steel rod called a drill. One man would hold the drill while another pounded with a sledge hammer. After each stroke, the man holding the drill would turn it so the cutting edge would bite at a little different angle. When the hole was sufficiently deep, they would pour in a charge of black powder and attach a fuse. Everybody would get under cover as soon as the fuse was lighted.





Some of the Irishmen boarded at our house and I remember one, Tommy Burns. Tommy was a character. He would frequent a lime kiln evenings. The kiln was operated by one of our neighbors. It seems that liquor flowed freely over there and Tommy loved to imbibe. It was about Hallowe'en time when the young folks thought to have some fun with Tommy and of course it was rather a tame joke. They set out some jack-o-lanterns (pumpkins) on the fence posts for Tommy's return. My Father knew all about Tommy's fear of unexplained hob goblins, so he took a buffalo robe and threw it over his head and went down field along side of which Tommy would walk on his way home. As the Irishman approached, he was attracted by the pumpkin lights but of course was not frightened, when all of a sudden he saw this fearful object with the buffalo robe coming out of the field at him. He broke into a run for the house, breathless where he was met with shouts of laughter and a great to-do. He was mad, he was breathless and as soon as he could speak, he said, "I think you're all fools and pumpkins."

In the summer of 1880 before we moved in the fall, Garfield's campaign for the presidency was on. Rallies and torch light processions were common. A rally made up of wagons covered with bunting and trailed by men on horseback was making the parade from Dunkirk to Ken-ton, 10 miles, where a speech was to be made. The front wagon was drawn by a traction engine. It was called a half traction, since by



law, it had to have a team hitched on to guide it.

I went with other boys, down to the Kenton pike, about a mile from our home to see the parade. As they passed where we stood, two men got into a fight - these were the men on horseback. One man got off his horse and pounded the other and tried to pull him off his horse. Charley Milton Jones, my cousin, held the first man's horse while the excitement was on. We boys couldn't understand why one republican was fighting another republican.

We never knew what the fight was about but we didn't think cousin Charley should have helped the man by holding his horse while the man abused another.

My Father operated a brick yard in addition to other interests. Brick making was done in a crude way in comparison with present day's system. A cart was loaded with red clay and dumped into a pit - I can only guess the size of the pit - perhaps twelve feet square, maybe larger. When the pit was full of dry clay, then water would be turned in until it was 'soaked' as they called it. It was mud. A crude press was fed by a man shoveling mud into the press and a horse traveling around, hitched to a pole furnished the power to force the mud into the molds. A man pulled a lever to fill the molds and a man or men called 'Offbearers' carried the molds full of mud out to a smooth yard and carefully dumped them to dry in the





sun. After a time, maybe a day or two, the bricks were dry enough to handle. They would then be wheeled to the kiln. When the kiln was filled, the outside would be plastered over and a fire started in the arches. My Father had an expert to handle the details and do the firing. He knew when the kiln was ready to open.

At that time we had a few wheelbarrows about and one day a little neighbor girl came over to play with me - we were constant playmates and on this day we were moving. I was the Mr. and she was the Mrs. and I being the man of the house, when we were ready to move off, I, of course, would drive. I got between the handles and finding it a little heavier than I expected and being a little awkward, I raised the barrow and set it down pretty hard on her bare foot. She screamed and yelled and divorced me on the spot. Her name was Myrtle Doll. We played together so much that the hired man called her 'My girl'. One day this hired man told me that when I went to see Myrtle, I should always hang my hat on the gate post. He said all young men did that when they went to see their girls. None of the young men who came to see my sister ever left their hats on the gate post, so I didn't.

The summer of 1880, my sister was teaching school about three miles from our home and it seems that it was planned for my Father to go after her at the close of school and I had permission to go



with him. At the appointed time the team was hitched to the spring wagon and as Father was down at the brick yard, the man who hitched the team got into the spring wagon and rode down as far as the brick yard where he got out to go and tell my Father. Father was busy and didn't come very soon. I indulged in a little wishful thinking - maybe he's too busy to go - maybe he wants me to go alone - I think he does - so off I went feeling quite important. The horses trotted off pretty good but to make them go faster, I slapped the lines over the dash, then we sailed along very good. When I drove up to the school, some boys came out and gathered around and wanted to know who came with me. I said "nobody" and they wouldn't believe me. I don't remember whether my sister was surprised nor do I have a clear recollection of the consequences when I got home. I do sort of believe that I learned that 'wishful' thinking wasn't too good. Word came to my folks that some neighbor woman said that the Joneses must be crazy to let that baby drive a team alone. I think I lived it down sooner than they did.

My folks started me to school rather early. It was easy on my Mother when the several older children were going to school if they would take me and I liked it. I went a good deal before I had to recite - just too young - but finally I learned to read, I don't know how only that I just seemed to absorb it and I was in the first





reader before we moved. We had a spelling class and that I remember better than anything else that came to me in that school. The school house was a little frame house set in a clearing - a clearing is a newly cut woods, in fact a field full of stumps at the edge of the woods. In that spelling class there were five of us - two girls and three boys - there was Etta Gardner, a pretty fair complexioned girl with a cute little turned up nose and a pretty pink dress; Lizzie Sorgen, a freckled faced good speller and the three boys in regular order were Johnny Jones (me), Allen Ziegler and Brad Kyle. That was our regular position at practically all times and that will require some explanation. The teacher gave 'headmarks', that is, the one who maintained the head of the class without missing a word, got the headmark then started at the foot of the class next day and worked up. I was in the exact middle of the class at all times or nearly so. Etta and Lizzie didn't miss many words and if they did, they weren't in any danger. When I missed a word it gave me no worry for I was dead sure that neither Allen or Brad would get it right - they could always think of a dozen ways to spell a word wrong - for instance when I spelled 'waggon', Allen would take a long chance and spell it 'wagin' and when it came to Brad there was only one way it could be spelled and that was 'wagen'. I was in the middle of that class - I suspect there you have my tag. All my life I've been in the



middle - not as good as the top or as dumb as the dumbest.

Allen was a lovable chap, good natured and a perfect gentleman. He was tall for his age, slow of speech and a gentle voice. We were fast friends. Long years after when I visited in Ohio, I inquired about Allen and was told that he was a bartender but never took a drink. I hunted him up and found him tending bar. He was a very dignified looking man with grey hair. He came out front and greeted me effusively. I wanted to ask him to spell 'wagon' but I didn't.

Brad was a fuzzy faced little fellow and I never knew what became of him. I think he was a foster child but he lived with the Kyles and used their name. The girls both married but not too well. Me? Well you are learning about me and I don't think I'll gain a 'headmark' as a result. I think I could write pages covering the time between 1874 and 1880 but I must cut it short with just a few more incidents. A thing I've never been able to understand is what happened one day on our way home from school. There were five of us boys - Jerry Shire, Jim Beem, the two Ziegler boys and myself. We were going along seemingly at peace with the world. When we came to the front of the house of one of the school directors, the two big boys, Jerry and Jim, ran up to the house with clubs and smashed both front windows. It just about scared the pants off the Ziegler boys and me and we didn't even know what it meant. They were





bad boys and met with proper punishment.

When we threshed our wheat that year, it was done with a horse power machine. Instead of an engine, a horse power arrangement was used to power the separator. Several horses hitched in pairs, went round and round at the end of a pole, turning the gears that gave power to the separator. That was the only horse power thresher that I ever saw.

Table conversations were interesting in those days and with our large family of nine and often two or three extra, there was always much discussion. I didn't understand all that was being said but I was intrigued by one topic that had to be clarified for me. There was much talk about the end of the world. An old poem, said to be more than two centuries old, appeared in the weekly paper and was published far and wide causing a great stir. It was said to have been written by an old woman sooth-sayer and was called, "Mother Shipton's Prophecy". I have a copy that my folks read in 1880; it follows --

Carriages without horse shall go  
And accidents fill the world with woe,  
Around the world thoughts will fly  
In the twinkling of the eye.  
Waters shall yet more wonders do  
Now strange, and yet be true.  
Through hills men shall ride  
No horse or ass be by his side.



Under water men shall walk  
Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.  
In the air, men shall be seen  
In white, in black, in green.  
Iron in water shall float  
Easy as a wooden boat.  
Gold shall be found midst stone  
In a land that is now unknown  
And the world to an end shall come  
In eighteen hundred and eighty one.

When I asked my mother what they meant about the world coming to an end, I was scared and now when I pick up that strange piece of rhyme, just a faded piece of paper that they read seventy six years ago, I am puzzled. There were no such things as automobiles, submarines or airplanes and communication by electricity had been in use but a short time. I think folks felt better after 1881.

In the fall of 1880 we moved to the farm my Father bought three and a half miles east of Dunkirk. It was a beautiful fall. Garfield was soon to be elected president. Our new home was a paradise as compared with the little frame house that we left. The house, a ten room, two story brick was located on a stone 'pike'. The farm consisted of one hundred eighty acres of land with about ten acres of woods. We had a nice apple orchard and good buildings. The Pennsylvania railroad ran through the farm cutting off about fifty acres on the other side of the track. There was a heavy grade about a mile in length ending at the far side of our farm. This grade was known





to railroad men as 'Nigger Hill'. Quite often freight trains would stall there and most of them ran so slowly that we boys used to 'jump on' the caboose and ride to the top of the hill. In July before my Father bought the farm a tragedy occurred in the field across the railroad. A new threshing outfit had set up in its maiden job. A full head of steam was on and a few sheaves had been fed into the separator when the engineer discovered there was something wrong with the water intake. Suddenly the boiler exploded killing two men and a boy. Of the two men one was the owner of the new outfit. It was a modern type of engine - not traction - but pulled by horses.

We were a family of nine when we moved there. Of the seven children, all were married from there except one brother who died in 1900 and I who left the farm to take a teaching position at about the same time. In the fall of 1880, my twin brothers and I started to the new school. I was in the second grade. Everything seemed new and different - a nice brick school house with good seats and a pot-bellied stove to keep us warm. The first teacher was an elderly man who would sometimes spit on the floor. I think he was older than my Father and wore chin whiskers. From the light of experience as I look back, I think the word 'sanitation' must have been unknown. We carried water from various wells, some open, and drank from the same dipper all winter. It was an interesting diversion to go after water



when school took up after the noon recess. Two pals for the special occasion, that is, two boys who suddenly took a notion to have a nice private visit and a little surcease from the monotony would get permission from the teacher to go after water, sometimes a mile away. When the water came in there was always a boy or girl who asked to 'pass the water'. The unwritten law was, teacher first. After that it was the decision of the honored one who was handing it out. Sometimes it was the little girls, big girls, then the boys little or big. Once I happened to be the guardian of the cup just after the fresh pail of ice water came in. As I passed behind my friend, Bill Brown, who sat in the back seat with his head bent over his geography lesson, I thought to hold the dipper over the back of his neck and let a drop from the under side of the cup - just one drop on Bill's bare neck. With one eye on the teacher, I tipped the cup too far and as the stream of ice water hit his bare neck, he said, 'UUGHH' quite loud. Bill was too good natured to get mad at me, but the teacher had no such sweet disposition.

After I passed through all the classes in the little red brick school house, I attended the Ohio Normal School at Ada, Ohio. I think it was 1893 and the next year I took the teacher's examination and got a certificate and taught my first term in the home school, then back to Normal school again. I taught elementary schools from





1895 to 1900. United State senators, Frank B. Willis and Simeon D. Fess were both professors in the Ohio Normal University when I attended there. I had classes under both of them. Willis afterwards was Governor of Ohio before he went to the Senate. Willis used to call me 'Jonesy' and more than once made the class laugh by turning one of his jokes in my direction. I was a delegate to a convention when Fess was seeking nomination as Congressman from the eighth district in Ohio. He was defeated. After the convention as my cousin Stanton and I were walking down street, Fess came and threw his arms over our shoulders and said, "Boys, we lost, but I want to thank you for your help", then he added, "I'm setting my goal a little higher, I'm going to the United States Senate". He did and was in the Senate at the same time Willis was there.

Between 1880 and 1900 I spent most of the time on the farm, except when I was in Normal School. On the farm, life was interesting and sometimes exciting. We had a stable full of horses and such other live stock as would be found on most farms. When I was about ten years old my Father acquired a yolk of oxen through some sort of trade. Oxen weren't in general use at the time. They were too slow in comparison with a team of horses since the team of horses would pull a plow around the field in about half the time it took the oxen to travel that far, so I was allowed to hitch them to the



harrow and drive them around over the plowed field and help a little. The yoke weighed probably fifty pounds or more and I would stand the yoke on end and twist the bow around Berry's neck, lock the top of the bow, then hold up the other end and call to Buck to come under. Buck would respond very leisurely, come under the yoke and I'd clamp his bow on and we were ready to go.

One time my Father had me hitch them to a threshing engine that was left on our farm, and told me to deliver it about three miles away. I delivered it and drove into the machine shed in perfect order. The owner of the engine thought I had a pretty good team and had me go to the crib and get some corn for them. Returning home I rode the 'near' ox. I should explain that the 'near' ox or horse is the one on the left side when they are hitched. The one on the right side is the 'off' ox or horse as the case may be. Oxen can be driven where horses refuse to go. They'll shut their eyes and muscle through brush or over logs without much urging. As I view it in retrospect, farm life is hazardous for a boy. I've been thrown from colts, kicked and run over and otherwise bruised. Once I was riding a young horse along a mud road where the mud was about fet-lock deep when I suddenly kicked my heels into his side. He bolted, kicked up his heels and carried on at such a rate that the saddle broke and I





went over his head taking the saddle with me. I landed on my back in the mud and the horse turned with his tail over his back and ran for home leaving me to walk two miles carrying a muddy saddle.

As I grew to young manhood we boys were allowed plenty of liberty in the use of the horses. We could hitch up any horse that was suitable for the road. Of course, that excluded the heavy horses but Father never objected to us driving or riding when we wanted to go somewhere. It is a tradition among horsemen never to let a young horse run away since a horse seldom gets over a fright if they upset a vehicle and kick themselves loose. I was driving a young mare hitched to a sleigh when she suddenly took fright and kicked herself loose from the sleigh but still in the shafts. Clinging to the lines, I was pulled out and dragged quite a distance in the snow till I pulled her down to a stop. The man with me was still sitting in the sleigh. We couldn't hitch her again as we couldn't fasten the shafts so we walked and pulled the sleigh and drove the mare ahead. After that she was always a little nervous but she never ran away.

One other incident stands out in my memory. We had a very safe team, though a bit spirited. A storm was approaching as we were coming towards home with a load of cord wood. It was a threatening storm and we let the horses gallop, not too fast, but we were hurrying. I was sitting on the front of the wagon and as we struck a



bump, the wood I was sitting on rolled and I was thrown toward the horses. As I went down my coat tail caught on the hook of the single-tree and the coat was skinned off over my head and the wagon ran over my leg. It was just good fortune that the coat peeled off and I escaped being dragged. Those are just incidents that happen to a boy on a farm.

We had a buck sheep that up-ended us boys once in awhile. He never would come at one face-to-face but turn your back forgetting he was there and he seemed to know where to strike. I saw him take my brother by surprise, a terrific surprise that pitched him head long in the dirt.

Of course, most of such incidents could be avoided. There isn't much excuse for getting kicked by a horse. One can tell by the position of his ears if he is disturbed. If his ears lay back one should use caution but a farm boy has to learn by a few mistakes.

When I was about twenty my Father gave me a horse and I bought a new buggy with my own money. It was just as necessary for a young man to have a horse and buggy as it is now for a youngster to have an automobile. If one had a buggy he could have a date and the boy who didn't have one was terribly handicapped, particularly a farm boy. My first horse was a little sorrel mare called 'Daisy'. I babied her and made quite a pet of her. I used to harness her in the





stable, then walk out ahead of her, go to the buggy, lift up the shafts and she would circle around, walk under my arm and stand to be hitched. One day she was feeding in the lot without harness and just to see what she would do, I raised the shafts and called her to come. She left her feed and walked under the shafts with her ears laid back, indicating she was displeased. She knew she had no harness on and was disgusted with such nonsense. I later had another sorrel horse called 'Trinket'. I never liked that name but that was his name when I bought him. He was double gaited. When I wanted him to show off I could pull up the lines and throw him into a pace. He would bow his neck and step out with a brisk pace like he was proud. He was a beautiful horse. I taught him to come under the shafts just like Daisy.

Once I was riding with a young lady and suddenly I stopped, got out, picked up his front foot and picked a stone lodged in the 'frog' of his foot. She said, "How did you know he had a stone in his foot?" I saw him flinch and I knew something hurt him. One day I found one of the work horses acting funny. She seemed hungry - would grab at hay but couldn't swallow it. I opened her mouth as wide as I could, thinking her throat was sore. I found lodged far back between her jaws a piece of corn cob up-ended between the upper and lower jaws so that she couldn't shut her jaws together. When I dislodged it she



ate ravenously. A simple help like that builds confidence in an animal and they seem to remember it. This mare loved butter milk. She learned to untie herself in her stall, let herself out through the gate and go to the swill barrel and drink till her sides bulged. I loved horses.

If one could see an old weekly newspaper published in the 80's and early 90's he would see advertisements of Boots and Shoes but the merchandise displayed at the time wouldn't be found in any store today. Farmers wore high top cowhide boots. Wading about the farm in snow and slush caused the boots to be hardened and at night time they weren't too easy to pull off. My Father would sit in a chair and one of the boys would straddle his leg, take hold of the heel of the boot with both hands and Father would put the other foot against his back side and push - with the pull of the heel and the push of the rump, the boot would come off. Then the other foot was presented for a like effort. But the most common way to remove a boot was with a boot-jack. A boot-jack was sometimes made of a forked stick - the fork just about the size to hold the heel of the boot. A cleat was fastened to the underside of the forked stick to hold it off the floor. One would stand with one foot on the jack and place the heel of the boot in the fork then pull the foot out. The stocking foot would then do the holding while the other foot was withdrawn. This





boot-jack hung on a nail outside the door.

On Sundays we wore buttoned shoes that came up above the ankles. We had to carry a button hook to fasten them on. Later the Congress shoes came into use. It was also a high top shoe and had elastic sides - they fit like a glove until the elastic lost its elasticity, then they were sloppy. Next came the laced high top shoe. Women wore very high tops with lacing, a far cry from the skeleton things they wear today. Patent leather, tans, sharp pointed toes all had their day.

Saturdays the farm families took their eggs and butter to town to trade for sugar, prunes, tapioca and such. In the eighties they got about ten cents a pound for butter and the same for eggs by the dozen. Paper sacks were not in use. The grocer would lay a piece of paper on the elongated brass top of the scales and with a scoup put in the sugar until the scale tipped at the right figure, then he'd lay the package on the counter, shake it together and wrap it in the nicest square package imaginable. We bought coffee in paper packages, three pounds for a quarter - Arbuckles, Lions, XXXX, etc. If the lady wanted it ground, the grocer would tear off the top of the package, pour the coffee into the hopper of the grinder and turn the crank by hand. Most families had their own coffee grinders. When I was quite young, Father used to buy unroasted coffee and Mother would roast it on the stove.



In town, before the telephone came into use, a man from the grocery would make the rounds, house to house, of the customers and take orders for the afternoon delivery. He would drive up in a cart, go to the back door and write out the order. It was all done on faith and if a rotten apple or a poor roast came, complaint had to wait for another day.

The dairy business was carried on in a crude way. The milk was delivered before breakfast. It was carried in a large container and the milk man would ring a hand bell to call the woman of the house to come. She would sometimes come out with a dish or pitcher with a napkin spread over it. The milk man would dip into the can with a long handled dipper and fill her vessel. The milk still had the animal heat and was not sterilized.

Prior to 1900 few small towns had a sewage or water system. When I left Dunkirk in 1901 there was no sewer or water system. There was a town pump at the corner of Main and Wayne and there were outside toilets and private wells all over town. That was true of most small towns, say of 1200 or more population at that time.

In speaking of conditions, people and things of those bygone days in Ohio, there comes to mind an eccentric that I knew, in fact he was known all over the East - "The Immortal J. N." I had heard of this strange individual who traveled by rail and stopped at hotels





without ever paying a cent. He was known to railroad officials and conductors who passed him without question. He frequented colleges and often got permission to make an announcement of a lecture he was going to make but never made. When I was in college in Ada, Ohio, he appeared one morning at chapel and was permitted to go to the rostrum where he announced that on the next evening he would lecture at the opera house, his subject to be, "What We Know and What We Don't Know". Of course, he didn't appear. After chapel he stayed for a math class. He slowly walked around the room with hands behind his back, inspecting the work on the blackboard and finally stepped to the door and with a salute to the professor said, "It's all right professor", and we saw him no more. A year or so later I met him at the depot in South Whitley, Indiana. He said he was on his way to Indianapolis to give a lecture the next night. When the train pulled in, the conductor greeted him as an old friend and the "Immortal J. N." boarded the coach. After he left the college, Professor Darst explained to the class that he had been a man of some culture and lost his reason on account of some event that occurred in the Civil War. It is said that his name was J. N. Free, but that may have been given him because to him, railroad fare and hotel accommodations were free. He was clean, well dressed and harmless. He was probably as well known as the Governor of Ohio.



In the summer of 1900, I went with Stanton Jones, my cousin, on an excursion to Niagara Falls. We went over the Erie road from Kenton. Neither of us was experienced in railraod travel. When we paid our fare the conductor put a tab in our hat bands. It was the custom those days to put the tab in the hat while now they put it in a receptacle on the seat or other place near the passenger. We both wore stiff hats, 'Cadys' they used to call them, the kind of hat most of the better dressed young men wore at that time. When the conductor put the tab in my hat, he jammed it down rather roughly, I thought. Now I never did like tabs or badges or decorations of any kind and I was too dumb to know the importance of that little tab, so I took it out, tore it up and threw it away. Finally when the conductor came to check the passengers and collect fares, he reached for my fare. I explained that I had paid. He wanted to know where my tab was. I told him that I tore it up. He looked at me as if I had insulted him and the Erie railroad and addressing me as 'Young man' he gave me a lecture that did me some good. I apologized and admitted my error. When we arrived at Niagara, Stant had found a woman with several children who was glad to have a nice young man help her with the children and Stant was the thoughtful young man who was there to help. It took him so long to chaperone that lively brood and get them safely off the train that I, impatient as usual, started to walk on up town





thinking he would hurry along and catch up. He didn't and we were almost hopelessly separated. In about an hour we chanced to meet coming around a corner and we greeted each other like long lost brothers. I said, "I thought you were going home with that family". He was right in lending a hand, I realized afterwards. We learned two lessons that first day - first - to conform to custom on the railroad - second - a city is bigger than Ridgeway, Ohio, and I might add a third - don't get too smart. We had a good time and didn't throw away any tabs going home. That fall I took up school in Ridgeway, Ohio, and Stant in Rushsylvania, Ohio, two little towns about three miles apart.

This was a school that had been literally running wild. The teacher had almost daily fights. He was backed into a corner where he stood with a chair held up before him while they attacked him with whatever weapons they could lay their hands on. They had ganged and beat the town marshall. The people came to me and told almost incredible stories and I began to wonder why this mess had been wished onto me. I had no reputation as a disciplinarian - I'm not sure that I was a good teacher. I had been teaching well behaved pupils where discipline was no problem - but someone told the School Board and here I was. The Board called a special meeting to alert me. My instructions were to create order out of chaos whether or not I taught them anything. So came the time for school to take up. I boarded at the



hotel. I had heard so much that the night before the first day of school, I dreamed that I was running down Main street in my night shirt with that whole bunch of bad boys after me. I had always tried to assume a calm demeanor and I told myself that the Board, in fact the whole town was behind me and I would assume command. School opened with about thirty-five pupils. A few introductory remarks were in order of course. Pupils listened attentively and as we began the task of organizing and assigning lessons, a voice said, "How about the rules?" That sounded like a challenge so I met it by saying, "Oh, yes, the rules." Then I turned to the blackboard and wrote in large letters, "DO RIGHT", tossed the chalk into the box and in a nonchalant manner, brushed my hands and said, "That's All". Then added, "Of course, everyone knows how to follow that rule." Two or three days passed without any untoward incident and then the boys commenced to try me out. I decided to meet anything in the way of a challenge, headon. It came. I walked back to the disturber very deliberately, and without a show of anger, took that fellow by the collar and jammed him around and kept on punching him after he quit fighting. I didn't mean to be tender. I wanted to injure him even if I broke a leg. After two or three encounters I began to hear reports about town that the boys were respecting me. A lawyer on the Board made it a point to be around the post office where they usually congregated





after school and he would come and report to me what they were saying. It encouraged me. Before the term was over, two teachers from the State Teacher's College visited my school and reported to our superintendent that they had never seen a better conducted school. My own opinion is that it wasn't a school to brag of. These boys should have been through High School. They hindered the progress of the school for the first two or three weeks and maybe longer while the teacher was trying to break their necks. I was hired for the next year but that summer something happened to change my future plans. I had wanted to study medicine.

During the summer vacation, Stanton and I thought it would be an interesting vacation to go to Pittsburgh and get a job as street car conductors during the park season. I knew a fellow working for the Monongahela street railway who would get us each a job, so we went. We ran through Wilkensburg to East Pittsburgh where the Westinghouse plant is. That was a 'tripper run' taking men to work. The regular summer season vacationers ran from Pittsburgh through Homestead up to Kennywood Park. Some time in July, I ran about a half mile as hard as I could run so as not to be late for my run. I caught it and while turning the trolley at 13th street and Braddock, I had a severe hemorrhage of the lungs and they sent me home on a Pullman. Returning home, I went to stay with Dr. B. K., my brother.



During the last part of August I had hemorrhages about every second day. I was getting terribly weak. Doctors B. K. and Gemmell held a consultation and gave me a medicine that stopped the bleeding. I at once gained strength enough so I could go about and then I was advised to go to Colorado.

On September 6th there was a gathering of the family at Charley Milton Jones's home on Walnut Street in Dunkirk. While we were sitting on the lawn in the afternoon, Dean Jones came from uptown and said, "McKinley has been shot". Anxious days followed. Men bought 'extras' - prayer services were held in the churches - some days the news was hopeful - the next day discouraging. On the 14th he died. On the 19th, the day of the funeral, the nation's business ceased for one minute - even the trains stopped.

I started for Colorado on Friday, September 20, 1901, and arrived at Denver on Sunday the 22nd. When it was decreed that I go to Colorado, a young man who grew up as a neighbor on the farm, volunteered to go along. He wanted to see the Middle West and had always been especially friendly to me. He was a young man with a sort of rough exterior but he had a heart of gold. His companionship, his solicitude for me and his help in many ways, I believe, had much to do with my starting on the road to recovery. We were opposites in many ways - I was taciturn - he was given to conversation. He would





talk to peddlers or preachers or whoever was inclined to talk and he would come up with a lot of interesting news. Dr. B. K. gave me a letter of introduction to a Dr. Miles in Denver. Doctor Miles had me come back to see him several times and he told me I had a 50-50 chance. X-ray was new. He had a pamphlet dealing with X-ray treatments. Dr. Miles suggested that I get the advice Dr. B. K. I wrote to my brother but did not get his approval. A woman from back home came soon after and took his X-ray treatments and died. I was hopeful of my condition and was reasonably happy.

The next incident I relate as a confession. It is just one of the many dumb things I did - failure to think things through - childish. I was getting stronger and thought I ought to get a job. Clarence was getting restless and wanted a job. One memorable day I had a chance to get a job on a dairy farm. It sounded good. A dairy farm, in my mind, was just like a magazine picture - white house with landscaping - white fence - white barn - contented cows - a nice wagon with the picture of a cow on the side. A man said it was a short way beyond the car line - get off there - take the high road to a certain landmark and turn a half mile left. I had to furnish my own transportation. It proved to be five miles beyond the car line. A Jew bone picker came along and let me ride. He looked like a Rabbi with his long black whiskers and skull cap. My legs were tired and he was



very kind. Business was "Nosht like it ustobe good." When he turned off I got out or I should say, off his wagon and right away a man and woman came along riding on the running gears of a wagon. They had cushions to sit on just ahead of the rear axle and they let me ride on the end of the coupling pole behind the rear axle. The man trotted the team and I wondered if he was trying to hurt me on purpose. He knew the place where I was going and directed me on about two miles from where he let me get off. That dairy farm wasn't like a magazine picture - very disappointing it was. Nothing attractive about it - no white fences - nothing that looked like a picture in a magazine. It was just a one wagon dairy. The man had gone to town with the day's milk. The woman who met me at the door was slovenly. She had a swollen jaw from a toothache. She was glad I came - they somehow couldn't keep a man. I was called at three o'clock in the morning. I helped in the morning and cleaned the stable. I didn't tell the man I was planning a vacation. If I had, I might possibly had a chance to ride to town with him. I waited till he was gone and when the sun was at about ten thirty, I bade the woman goodbye - I tried to be courteous to her. She was sorry. The man would pay me if I met him - she was really kind hearted. I didn't meet the man. I preferred to forfeit whatever money was due me. In fairness to the man who sent me, he didn't say it looked like a magazine picture.





While we were in Denver there was a carnival - parades with floats and all. The weather was perfect, there were large crowds and we had lots to write home about. At the City Park there was a tribe of Indians for the occasion. We went out to see them and I sat back and laughed at Clarence trying to talk to one of them. He was showing the Indian his street car badge and some other trinkets he had with him. The stoic old Indian didn't seem to be saying much but was giving attention. Clarence learned more about Colorado and the people than I, and was always coming up with something new.

One day he talked to a man and learned that they needed men at Greeley, Colorado to pick spuds. I had never heard potatoes called 'spuds'. He wanted to go up there and I agreed. We took the first train in the morning. When we arrived at Greeley, there was a man meeting trains, looking for workers. Clarence soon was talking to him while I stood with the luggage. Finally, I went over to them and the man said, "Do you want a job too?" I said that I did and he told us to come out to the field at seven o'clock in the morning. The field was at the edge of town. We had to buy some overalls and work shirts. Going down Main Street, I saw a row of white collars in front of a store (clothing stores used to always have such a display). I told Clarence, "I see a clothing store", then above the door was a sign - GOODMAN and WASLEY. I thought of Sam Goodman, a



Jew who used to have a store in Dunkirk, Ohio. I knew he went west but didn't know where. It was Sam. He called the clerks up front and introduced us as boys he used to go to school with in Dunkirk, Ohio. None of us went to school in Dunkirk but Sam was a friendly Jew. He told us to make the store our headquarters and he did invite us with his clerks to an oyster stew one night after the store closed. We found a room and unwrapped our overalls and shirts.

Picking spuds after a potato digger isn't easy work. Clarence was strong and could keep up his row and help me. I stuck it out all day and at quitting time I had to have his help to get back. I put my arms over his shoulders and had his support. I liked the boss and the men, but the next morning I couldn't get up. Clarence said he would explain to the boss and he would go out and I should stay in bed. The next day was Sunday and I was out again. We took a walk to the edge of town and coming back we met the man who hired us. When he saw me he commenced to grin and kidded me a little. Then he said, "Tomorrow we are going into the cabbage and you can have my job." I went. I got to ride the sled. A sled was rigged up to haul the sacks that were being filled. A large gunny sack was hung in the rack and the cutters on both sides of the sled. I would stand on the sled and catch the cabbage heads and drop them into the sack. When the sack was full someone would take it off to sew up and as





he removed the full sack, hand me an empty one to hang in the rack. That was pretty much of a snap and I worked about a week or until the field was finished. This man we worked for was a bachelor and our friendship carried over to later days. He told me one time, that when he saw us get off the train, the day he hired us, that he thought we were members of a show troupe coming to town.

Having been a school teacher, I felt impelled one day, to seek out a kindred spirit and get acquainted. I wasn't looking for a teaching position - it was late in October and all schools were already taken up. I went up to the Court House and met the County Superintendent of Schools of Weld County, Colorado, J. E. Snook. We had a pleasant conversation and finally he said, "I might need you" - "The principal of the School at Highlandlake has typhoid fever and the substitute isn't getting along very well." In a few days, I found a note in my room, "Come to my office." I went up to see him and Snook said, "I want you to go to Highlandlake tomorrow and stay till the holidays. Someone will meet you. I'll endorse your Ohio certificate 'good till the next examination'." I had a three year certificate which he did endorse. I don't think I was real happy about it. I had never heard of Highlandlake. It was an inland town three miles off the railroad. He gave me complete instructions - take the Colorado & Southern which would take me around through Fort



Collins and I would get off at Highland switch where I would be met. I had come to Colorado an invalid and here about six weeks later I was going to a God-forsaken place I'd never heard of to act as Principal. I got off at the switch - not a building in sight - a side track with one lone box car. It was a bleak Sunday, overcast and chilly. Nobody there to meet me - nothing in sight but a rolling prairie. I could walk to the village but didn't know in what direction to go. I thought well, here I am, eight hundred miles from home, standing here shivering right in the middle of 'no place' - what if nobody comes? I can't walk over there for I don't know which way to go. I can walk up the railroad till I come to some habitation. I climbed to the top of the empty box car and looked, first in one direction and then the other. Finally I saw a speck on the horizon - just a speck - it grew larger - glory be, it was a team coming this way. A man drove up in a spring wagon, greeted me matter-of-factly, put my suitcase in the wagon and started back over the road from whence he came - a virgin prairie road. I didn't even know where I was going to sleep that night. His ranch home was about a mile before we came to the village and he said, "Come in and meet the wife." I went in and met my first friend in that community. She invited me to stay - four dollars a week and I was happy to stay.

It seemed that everybody in the village knew I was coming. They





had no telephones - but the tele-woman system in that village was a marvel of perfection. I was to be principal of the school tomorrow, entirely ignorant of the ways of the people and just as ignorant of the Colorado School laws. I was to enter a school room to meet forty strangers. I would tremble at such an ordeal now, but looking back I was rather eager to meet the unknown. I was received graciously, school went well but on the lonesome days, I was consoled by the thought that it was only to be until the Christmas holidays. Thanksgiving time came with its corn fodder and pumpkin decorations. We had our Thanksgiving program and someone suggested the song - "Sing a Song of Dear November" and we sang it but I couldn't put much spirit into it. To me it was the bleakest November I ever knew.

Once during a school period, I went out on the porch and spit blood, but it was not a severe attack and nobody knew of it. At one other time, I was going to church with another man and while he was getting the horse out of the stable, I had a severe hemorrhage but it was dark and he thought I was sick to my stomach and told me what remedies were good for a sick stomach. I never told him and went on to church with him. I think that was the last one I ever had and my strength seemed good for the most part and I picked up some weight.

I was invited to parties, took some part in church and made some nice acquaintances. I took rides with the preacher who was also a bachelor, and otherwise tried to do my part in the life of the



community and fulfill my duties to the school in a creditable manner.

The Christmas holidays came on and I was very happy about it. I had done my part since I was only hired till the holidays. I didn't talk to the directors nor did they to me. They knew the arrangements and that to me was enough. Nothing had been said about the teacher who had typhoid fever and so far as I knew he was coming back. So I packed my things and departed for Greeley, which in lieu of a home to go to was for the time home.

I had hardly left the village when things broke loose. A petition was circulated asking the Board to request the former teacher to relinquish the school and have me stay on. I knew nothing of this until the woman Board member called the County Superintendent and in a state of hysterics wanted him to send me back forthwith since they already had enough changes for one school year. I went back, not "Like a slave scourged to his dungeon", but with a feeling of being wanted. I was hired for the next year with a slight increase in salary and I accepted.

When a kind Providence picked me up and set me down in this western country, I didn't like it - it was His plan, not mine. Then He sent an angel to look after me and make me wear my overshoes. She came and we were married August 20, 1902. I don't think any other girl would have taken such a chance but she was game and her good





judgement helped us over a lot of rough places. We bought furniture and rented a little three room house near the school. It was the only house for rent. It was clean and cozy and we paid six dollars a month for it. We burned coal and before school opened in the fall a man loaned me his team and wagon to go to the mine for our first ton of coal. About the close of school in the spring the County Superintendent called me by phone and said there was a vacancy in the Platteville school and he had recommended me and told me to go down and meet the Board. I must tell of an incident in that connection. The year before, I went to Platteville to take the Union Pacific train to Greeley - it was a week end. I had a school warrant and Columbian half dollar - this half dollar was minted at the time of the World Fair in 1892 and was then a collector's item. I was too late for the bank and couldn't cash my salary check. I spent the half dollar at the hotel for my supper and then I didn't have any money. I went into a little confectionery store and told the man of my predicament. He went to the cash register and gave me money to go to Greeley. When I went to the bank in Greeley my check was cashed and the refund made to the Platteville man with thanks. I had never met the man since, but when I went to Platteville to meet the Board, he was the president of the Board. They hired me but towards the end of the summer I resigned. Neither of us wanted to live there and the more we thought



of it, the more determined we were. We decided to quit teaching and try to get where we would like to live. I never had any trouble getting a job. We bought a grocery store in Longmont, Colorado, and within six months a man came into the store, said he had sold his farm and wanted to buy a small grocery. We sold it then and there. We went to where the bright lights were. Georgia wanted me to take the Civil Service examination for the Railway Mail Service since we had talked about it a good many times. I took the examination the first thing after we got to Denver. It took quite a while to get returns and in the mean time I got a pretty good job as a route agent for a large wholesale bakery.

While I was working there Elizabeth, our daughter was born, September 26, 1904. My appointment to RMA came in November and when I told the superintendent of the bakery, he said he thought there was something better for me if I would stay on. I was pretty much set on getting on the trains and I accepted the appointment. In the railway mail service, one has to serve a probationary period and act as a substitute for clerks on sick leave or on vacation. I worked on various lines in the mountains. The Rio Grande through the Royal Gorge, the narrow gauge to Leadville, the Moffat Line which was then being built over the Divide, and others. In due time my regular appointment came assigning me to Alliance and Denver. I loved it.





I would make a round trip to Alliance, Nebraska, which took two days, then one day layoff before the next trip.

In March 1906 we experienced a real old fashioned blizzard. The evening we left Denver, the temperature was very mild and when we pulled out about eight o'clock it began to snow rather hard but there was no wind and the flakes were large. As we neared Brush, Colorado, the engineer was fighting snow drifts. We could feel the impact when he ran into heavy drifts. At Brush, the fireman had to be taken off the engine. He was exhausted and wet with sweat trying to keep up steam in an engine that was doing its utmost. Near Sidney, Nebraska, we stopped dead still in a cut and there we experienced the kind of blizzard we used to read about. The air was full of snow as fine as flour. It looked like flour and visibility was practically nil. I had a coal stove in the car and kept comfortably warm. The train was covered front, sides and top and lay there for twenty four hours. The next day a work train came up from the rear of the train and late the second night we were pulled back to Sterling, Colorado. The passengers hadn't eaten for twenty four hours and all I had was a small sack of crackers. On the day of our isolation, a collision occurred at Akron, Colorado, on the main line of the Burlington and the fireman killed. That accident was due to lack of visibility. I loved the work on the train but we had a lot of studying to do. We would



be given a set of cards (we had to buy them ourselves) each about the size of an ordinary business card. The names of every office in the state was printed on one side. We were to memorize them and be able to case them in a miniature letter case at 100% perfect. We weren't required to pass the examiner at one hundred percent but we should be able to do that well at home and then when we went before the examiner, ninety five percent would pass, but that grade wouldn't be considered too good. As I recall now, Colorado had about eight hundred offices and Nebraska, just over one thousand at that time. One day in the spring of 1906, the chief clerk of our district whose office was at Lincoln, Nebraska, came to Alliance to meet me. He was on an inspection trip at the same time. He came into my car and told me that there was a vacancy in his office and asked me if I would like to move to Lincoln. I told him I would write to him in a few days. Georgia was delighted as I knew she would be. We moved to Lincoln in June 1906, where I served until January 31, 1936. For a time I was examiner - later in charge of the Record Department which included payrolls for a hundred or more road clerks. Retirement at the age of sixty two was compulsory and I immediately took up other work. I managed a used book store for a time and later took the examination for a broker's license. I have served in real estate since 1943. Next June (1956) it will be just a half century since we moved from





Denver to Lincoln. We had transportation furnished. It was a hot day in June when we arrived in Lincoln and we went to the old Capital Hotel. Georgia had a sick headache. The trip had been too taxing for her with the care of the baby and all. Elizabeth was not yet two years old.

Our office was on the top floor of what is now the stone City Hall. That building housed the Post office until the fall of 1906 when we moved into the new building at 10th and P Streets. I was new in the office of Railway Mail Service and getting adjusted to the new order of things was a bit strenuous. After we had been here a few days, while I was working, Georgia wheeled Elizabeth around looking for a house to rent. She found one and we moved in. Not many houses in Lincoln had furnaces in those days. We bought a base burner and burned anthracite coal. New houses then being built were equipped with coal furnaces and it wasn't till 1908 that we had a modern house. In 1911 we bought a modern house at what was then at the edge of town (716 South 29th Street). Busy years followed. We took part in various activities. I was Chancellor Commander of the Knights of Pythias when that lodge was flourishing and when World War I came along, I was able to do some relief work. Elizabeth attended the Second Presbyterian Sunday School and joined that church which led Georgia and me to transfer our letters there. Georgia became a very active worker



and became influential in Women's organizations. She held a life membership in the National Missionary Society at the time of her death.

Elizabeth started to kindergarten in the old Randolph School, then located at the corner of Randolph and twenty fifth streets. We lived at that time at 810 South 27th Street. Elizabeth graduated from Nebraska State University BSc. Both of her boys went through Randolph School (in its new location 37th & D Streets). The fifty years since we came to Lincoln have been busy ones and afforded us a good measure of happiness. It seemed but a few short years while Elizabeth was growing up and passing through grade school, high school and the University, followed by her marriage to Doctor Paul Bancroft who is widely known as a pediatrician - short years indeed, as we look back.

I have been an elder in the Presbyterian Church for the past twenty five years. In 1950 while a delegate to the Nebraska Presbytery, I was elected a commissioner to the General Assembly to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. On account of a hospitalization I had to decline but I was elected again the next year and went to Cincinnati and enjoyed a very unusual experience. There were commissioners there from every state in the Union. With this honor given me and my expenses paid, I felt that I should fill my little niche in a creditable manner. I worked hard and was honored by an appointment to a committee and on return home was able to make an acceptable report.





On March 12, 1950, Georgia suddenly passed away. Before that time, life had become sweeter and our compensations greater than ever before. I had gotten into real estate in just the right time and we were happy. I suppose other men revere their wives as I did mine and that is as it should be, but to me, Georgia was the most wonderful character I have ever known. She loved and was loved by everybody with whom she came in contact. On our anniversaries and at Christmas time, I used to send her a message through the mail. I was surprised as I write this, when Elizabeth showed me a book she is keeping which contained a score or more of these missives. Whoever reads this may not care for this sentimental thing, but she liked it and Elizabeth wants one or two included here. Here's just one or two picked at random.

December 31, 1931 - Her Birthday

The blessing of love is a gift that's Divine  
And you are my compass and chart.  
The riches of kings and of kingdoms are mine,  
In the love that is gold in your heart.

Because you're my pal when everything's right,  
And a pal when everything's wrong;  
A pal and a friend and a comforting light;  
The music and heart of my song.

August 20, 1932 - Our Anniversary

The girl of my youth was the joy of my life-  
So cheerful and tender and true,  
A jolly good friend - now a peach of a wife,  
And I'm glad that that girlie was you.

August 20, 1938 - Our Anniversary

It's the time of the year - the twentieth day,  
So incline me your ear and hear what I say;  
It's simple, it's trite, you've heard it I know,  
So the muse bids me write and say it real slow.  
You're the same to me now as in nineteen and two;  
The world for me yet is surrounded by you.



Now that she is gone, it gives me some consolation that I did let her know, but I really didn't realize that I had written so many until Elizabeth brought them to light.

I couldn't close this story without giving credit to one who was always by my side to keep me on the track and offer sympathy when things got 'foggy' and when decision had to be made. She had a quick wit and a keen sense of humor. No words of mine can do justice to that lovely woman who was my wife. She had that magnetic charm that drew people to her. Active in church circles, she was at her place in the Sunday School only two hours before her departure. In addition to her church work, she had other interests - member of DAR, past president of the Chautauqua Study Club and past president of Hall in the Grove. She was a perfect homemaker and her charm made home a pleasant place to be.

She was born, Georgia Hildenbrand, in Jackson, Ohio, December 31, 1874. Soon after her birth, her Father died leaving a widow and four girls. Later the widow married a brother of her late husband, who became both uncle and step-father to the four children. Sometime later a half brother was born and while he was but a baby the mother died. In 1886 the step-father brought the family to Dunkirk, Ohio - Georgia was twelve. The two older girls soon had jobs away from home and the two younger, Bertha and Georgia, took over the household duties and did their part in raising the young half-brother. It was





a devoted family and the girls gave loyal support to the step-father and he to them. Bertha began teaching school at sixteen years of age and Georgia became the homemaker. About the time the girls were in their early twenties, they and their step-father joined the Disciple Church and all took an active part in the church. Their home gave a new meaning of 'hospitality' to me and I became a frequent caller there - Georgia and I became companionable and here's where the other part of my story began - the part related in the earlier pages. She was the only girl I ever wanted to marry but before we could marry, a kind Providence sent me away to recover my health and when I was partially recovered, she proved her loyalty by coming eight hundred miles to see me through. She has been away six years. She was my life - I love her memory.



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